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T O

Mr. PULTENEY.

S I R,



THE greatest honour of human life, is to live well with men of merit ; and I hope You will pardon me the vanity of publishing, by this means, my happiness in being able to name You among my friends. The conversation of a gentleman, that has a refined taste

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taste of letters, and a disposition in which those letters found nothing to correct, but very much to exert, is a good fortune too uncommon to be enjoyed in silence : In others, the greatest business of learning is to weed the soil ; in you, it had nothing else to do, but to bring forth fruit. Affability, complacency, and generosity of heart, which are natural to You wanted nothing from literature, but to refine and direct the application of them. After I have boasted I had some share in your familiarity, I know not how to do You the justice of celebrating You for the choice of an elegant, and worthy acquaintance, with whom You live in the happy communication of generous sentiments, which contribute, not only to your own mutual entertainment and improvement, but to the honour and service of your country. Zeal for th

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publick good is the characteristick of a man of honour, and a gentleman, and must take place of pleasures, profits, and all other private gratifications. Whoever wants this motive, is an open enemy, or an inglorious neuter to mankind, in proportion to the misapplied advantages with which nature and fortune have blessed him. But You have a soul animated with nobler views, and know that the distinction of wealth and plenteous circumstances, is a tax upon an honest mind, to endeavour, as much as the occurrences of life will give him leave, to guard the properties of others, and be vigilant for the good of his fellow-subjects.

This generous inclination, no man possesses in a warmer degree than yourself; which, that heaven would reward with long possession of that reputation into which You have made

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so early an entrance, the reputation of
a man of sense, a good citizen, an
agreeable companion, a disinterested
friend, and an unbiassed patriot, is
the hearty prayer of,

S I R,

Your most Obligated

and most Obedient,

Humble Servant,

The GUARDIAN



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N^o 83. TUESDAY, June 16, 1713.

Nimirum insanus paucis videatur, eò quòd
Maxima pars hominum morbo jactatur eodem.

HOR. Sat. 3. l. 2. v. 120.

— Few think these mad, for most, like these,
Are sick and troubled with the same disease.

CREECH,



HERE is a restless endeavour in the mind of man after happiness. This appetite is wrought into the original frame of our nature, and exerts itself in all parts of the creation that are endued with any degree of thought or sense. But as the human mind is dignified by a more comprehensive faculty than can be found in the inferior animals, it is natural for men not only to have an eye, each to his own happiness, but also to endeavour to promote that of others in the same rank of being: and in proportion to the generosity that is ingredient in the temper of the soul, the object of its benevolence is of a larger and narrower extent. There is hardly a spirit upon earth so mean and contracted, as to centre all regards

regards on its own interest, exclusive of the rest of mankind. Even the selfish man has some share of love, which he bestows on his family and his friends. A nobler mind hath at heart the common interest of the society or country of which he makes a part. And there is still a more diffusive spirit, whose being or intentions reach the whole mass of mankind, and are continued beyond the present age, to a succession of future generations.

The advantage arising to him who hath a tincture of this generosity on his soul, is, that he is affected with a sublimer joy than can be comprehended by one who is destitute of that noble relish. The happiness of the rest of mankind hath a natural connexion with that of a reasonable mind. And in proportion, as the actions of each individual contribute to this end, he must be thought to deserve well or ill both of the world and of himself. I have in a late paper, observed, that men who have no reach of thought do oft misplace their affections on the means, without respect to the end, and by a preposterous desire of things in themselves indifferent, forego the enjoyment of that happiness which those things are instrumental to obtain. This observation has been considered with regard to criticks and misers; I shall now apply it to Free-thinkers.

Liberty and truth are the main points which these gentlemen pretend to have in view; to proceed therefore methodically, I will endeavour to shew in the first place that liberty and truth are not in themselves desirable, but only as they relate to a farther end. And secondly, that the sort of liberty and truth (allowing them those names) which our Free-thinkers use all their industry to promote, is destructive of that end, viz. human happiness: And consequently that species, as such, instead of being encouraged or esteemed, merit the detestation and abhorrence of all honest men. And in the last place, I design to shew, that under the pretence of advancing liberty and truth, they do in reality promote the two contrary evils.

As to the first point, it has been observed that it is the duty of each particular person to aim at the happiness of his fellow-creatures; and that as this view is

of a wider or narrower extent, it argues a mind more less virtuous. Hence it follows, that a liberty of doing good actions which conduce to the felicity of mankind, and a knowledge of such truths as might either give us pleasure in the contemplation of them, or direct our conduct to the great ends of life, are valuable perceptions. But shall a good man, therefore, prefer a liberty to commit murder or adultery, before the wholesome restraint of divine and human laws? Or shall a wife man prefer the knowledge of a troublesome and afflicting truth, before a pleasant error that would cheer his soul with joy and comfort, and be attended with no ill consequences? Surely no man of common sense would thank heaven, who had put it in his power to execute the sudden suggestions of a fit of passion or madness, or imagine himself obliged to a person, who by forwardly informing him of ill news, had caused his soul to anticipate that sorrow which she would never have felt, so long as the grateful truth lay concealed.

Let us then respect the happiness of our species, and in this light examine the proceedings of the Free-thinkers. From what giants and monsters would these knight-errants undertake to free the world? From the ties that religion imposeth on our minds, from the expectation of future judgment, and from the terrors of a troubled conscience, not by reforming men's lives, but by giving encouragement to their vices. What are those important truths of which they would convince mankind? That there is no such thing as a wise and just providence; that the mind of man is corporeal; that religion is a state-trick; contrived to make men honest and virtuous, and to procure a subsistence to others for preaching and exhorting them to be so; that the good things of life and immortality brought to light by the Gospel, are fables and impostures: from believing that we are made in the image of God, they would degrade us to an opinion that we are on a level with the beasts that perish. What pleasure or what advantage do these notions bring to mankind? Is it of any use to the publick that good men should lose the comfortable prospect of a reward to their virtue, or that wicked be encouraged to persist in their impiety, from

an assurance that they shall not be punished for it hereafter.

Allowing, therefore, these men to be patrons of liberty and truth, yet it is of such truths and that sort of liberty which makes them justly be looked upon as enemies to the peace and happiness of the world. But upon a thorough and impartial view it will be found that their endeavours, instead of advancing the cause of liberty and truth, tend only to introduce slavery and error among men. There are two parts in our nature, the baser, which consists of our senses and passions, and the more noble and rational, which is properly the human part, the other being common to us with brutes. The inferior part is generally much stronger, and has always the start of reason, which if in the perpetual struggle between them, it were not aided from heaven by religion, would almost universally be vanquished, and man become a slave to his passions, which as it is the most grievous and shameful slavery, so it is the genuine result of that liberty which is proposed by overturning religion. Nor is the other part of their design better executed. Look into their pretended truths; are they not so many wretched absurdities, maintained in opposition to the light of nature and divine revelation by sly innuendos and cold jets, by such pitiful sophisms and such confused and indigested notions, that one would vehemently suspect those men usurped the name of Free-thinkers, with the same view that hypocrites do that of godliness, that it may serve for a cloke to cover the contrary defect?

I shall close this discourse with a parallel reflexion on these three species, who seem to be allied by a certain agreement in mediocrity of understanding. A critick is entirely given up to the pursuit of learning; when he has got it, is his judgment clearer, his imagination livelier, or his manners more polite than those of other men? Is it observed that a miser, when he has acquired his superfluous estate, eats, drinks, or sleeps with more satisfaction, that he has a cheerfuller mind, or relishes any of the enjoyments of life better than his neighbours? The Free-thinkers plead hard for a licence to think freely; they have it: but what use do they
make

ke of it? Are they eminent for any sublime discoveries in any of the arts and sciences? have they been authors of any inventions that conduce to the well-being of mankind? Do their writings shew a greater depth of design, a clearer method, or more just and correct reasoning than those of other men?

There is a great resemblance in their genius, but the sick and miser are only ridiculous and contemptible creatures, while the Free-thinker is also a pernicious



84. WEDNESDAY, June 17.

Non missura cutem nisi plena cruoris hirudo.

HOR. Ars Poet. v. ult.

Sticking like leaches, till they burst with blood.

ROSCOMMON.

To the honoured NESTOR IRONSIDE, Esq;

SIR, Middle-Temple, June 12.

PRESUMING you may sometimes condescend to take cognizance of small enormities, I here say one before you, which I proceed to without farther apology, as well knowing the best compliment to a man of business is to come to the point.

There is a silly habit among many of our minor orators, who display their eloquence in the several coffee-houses of this fair city, to the no small annoyance of considerable numbers of her majesty's spruce and loving subjects, and that is a humour they have got of twisting off your buttons. These ingenious gentlemen are not able to advance three words till they have got fast hold of one of your buttons; but as soon as they have procured such an excellent handle for discourse, they will indeed proceed with great elocution. I know not how well some may have escaped, but for my part I have often met with them to

‘ my cost; having I believe within these three years last
‘ past been argued out of several dozens; insomuch that
‘ I have for some time ordered my taylor to bring me
‘ home with every suit a dozen at least of spare ones,
‘ to supply the place of such as from time to time are
‘ detached as an help to discourse, by the vehement
‘ gentlemen before mentioned. This way of holding a
‘ man in discourse is much practised in the coffee-houses
‘ within the city, and does not indeed so much prevail
‘ at the politer end of the town. It is likewise more
‘ frequently made use of among the small politicians, than
‘ any other body of men; I am therefore something
‘ cautious of entering into a controversy with this species
‘ of statesmen, especially the younger fry; for if you
‘ offer in the least to dissent from any thing that one
‘ of these advances, he immediately steps up to you,
‘ takes hold of one of your buttons, and indeed will soon
‘ convince you of the strength of his argumentation.
‘ I remember upon the news of Dunkirk’s being deli-
‘ vered into our hands, a brisk little fellow, a poli-
‘ tician and an able engineer, had got into the middle
‘ of Batson’s coffee house, and was fortifying Gravel-
‘ ling for the service of the most christian king, with
‘ all imaginable expedition. The work was carried
‘ on with such success, that in less than a quarter of an
‘ hour’s time, he had made it almost impregnable, and,
‘ in the opinion of several worthy citizens who had
‘ gathered round him, full as strong both by sea and
‘ land as Dunkirk ever could pretend to be. I happened
‘ however unadvisedly to attack some of his out-works;
‘ upon which, to show his great skill likewise in the
‘ offensive part, he immediately made an assault upon
‘ one of my buttons, and carried it in less than two
‘ minutes, notwithstanding I made as handfom a de-
‘ fence as was possible. He had likewise invested a
‘ second, and would certainly have been master of that
‘ too in a very little time, had not he been diverted from
‘ this enterprize by the arrival of a courier, who
‘ brought advice that his presence was absolutely neces-
‘ sary in the disposal of a beaver; upon which he
‘ raised the siege, and indeed retired with some preci-
‘ pitation. In the coffee-houses here about the Temple,
‘ you

I may harangue even among our dabblers in politics for about two buttons a day, and many times for more. I had yesterday the good fortune to receive very considerable additions to my knowledge in flatterers, and I find this morning, that it has not stood in above a button. In most of the eminent coffee-houses at the other end of the town, for example, you go no farther than Will's in Covent-Garden, the company is so refined, that you may hear and be heard, and not be a button the worse for it. Besides the gentleman before-mentioned, there are others who are no less active in their harangues, but with gentle words rather than robberies. These while they are proving your understanding, are at the same time pulling off your person; they will new-plait and add to your neckcloth.

But tho' I can bear with this kind of orator, who is so humble as to aim at the good-will of his hearer, being his valet de chambre, I must rebel against another sort of them. There are some, Sir, that do not stick to take a man by the collar when they have no mind to persuade him. It is your business, I humbly presume, Mr. Ironside, to interpose, that a man is not brought over to his opponent by force of arms. It were requisite therefore that you should name a certain interval, which ought to be preserved between the speaker and him to whom he speaks. For sure every man has a right, because I am not of his opinion, to take any of my clothes from me, or dress me according to his own liking. I assure you the most coming thing to me in the world, is in a campaign to wear one side before and the other cast on the collateral shoulder. But there is a friend of mine who never talks to me but he throws that which I wear forward upon my shoulder, so that in restoring it to its place I lose two or three hairs out of the lock on my buttons; though I never touched him in my whole life, and have been acquainted with him this many years. I have seen my eager friend in danger sometimes of a quarrel by this ill custom, for there are more young gentlemen who can feel than can understand. It would be therefore a good office to

my

‘ my good friend if you advised him not to collar
‘ man but one who knows what he means, and
‘ it him as a standing precaution in conversation,
‘ none but a very good friend will give him the lit
‘ of being seen, felt, heard, and understood all at or

I am, S I R,

Your most humble Servant,

JOHANNES MISOCHIROSOP.

P. S. ‘ I have a sister who saves herself from b
‘ handled by one of these manual rhetoricians by gi
‘ him her fan to play with; but I appeal to you in
‘ behalf of us poor helpless men.’

June 15, 1

I AM of opinion, that no orator or speaker in
lick or private has any right to meddle with any
dy’s clothes but his own. I indulge men in the lib
of playing with their own hats, fumbling in their
pockets, settling their own periwigs, tossing or twi
their heads, and all other gesticulations which may
tribute to their elocution, but pronounce it an infri
ment of the English liberty for a man to keep his ne
bour’s person in custody in order to force an hear
and farther declare, that all assent given by an auc
under such constraint, is of itself void and of no eff

NESTOR IRONS





85. THURSDAY, June 18.

—Sed te decor iste, quod optas,
 esse vetat, votoque tuo tua forma repugnat.

OVID. Met. l. i. v. 488.

But so much youth, with so much beauty join'd,
 Oppose the state, which thy desires design'd. DRYDEN.

☐ O suffer scandal (says somebody) is the tax which every person of merit pays to the publick; and lord Verulam finely observes, that a man who has virtue in himself, ever envies virtue in others. I know not how it comes to pass, but detraction, through all ages, has been found a vice which the fair sex too easily give into. Not the Roman satyrists could use them with more severity than they themselves do one another. Some audacious criticks, in my opinion, have lanch'd a little too far when they take upon them to prove, in opposition to history, that Lais was a woman of as much virtue as beauty, which violently displeasing the tyrants of those times, they secretly prevailed with the historians to deliver her down to posterity under the infamous character of an extorting prostitute. But though I have the greatest regard imaginable to that softness of civility, yet am I sorry to find they have very little for themselves. So far are they from being tender of one another's reputation, that they take a malicious pleasure in destroying it. My lady the other day, when Jack was asking who could be so base to spread such a report about Mrs. — answered, None, you may be sure, but a woman. A little after, Dick told my lady, that he had heard Florella hint as if Cleora wore artificial teeth. The reason is, said she, because Cleora first gave out, that Florella owed her complexion to a wash. Thus the illustrious pretty creatures take pains by invention; to show blemishes on each other, when they do not consider that there is a profligate set of fellows too ready to stain the character of the virtuous, or blast the charms

of the blooming virgin. The young lady, from whom I had the honour of receiving the following letter, deserves, or rather claims, protection from our sex, since so barbarously treated by her own. Certainly they ought to defend innocence from injury, who gave ignorantly the occasion of its being assaulted. Had the men been less liberal of their applauses, the women had been more sparing of these calumnious censures.

To the GUARDIAN.

S I R,

I Don't know at what nice point you fix the bloom of a young lady; but I am one who can just look back upon fifteen. My father dying three years ago, left me under the care and direction of my mother, with a fortune not profusely great, yet such as might demand a very handsome settlement, if ever proposals of marriage should be offered. My mother, after the usual time of retired mourning was over, was so affectionately indulgent to me, as to take me along with her in all her visits; but still not thinking she gratified my youth enough, permitted me further to go with my relations to all the publick, chearful, but innocent entertainments, where she was too reserved to appear herself. The two first years of my teens were easy, gay and delightful. Every one caressed me; the old ladies told me how finely I grew, and the young ones were proud of my company. But when the third year had a little advanced, my relations used to tell my mother that pretty Miss Clary was shot up into a woman. The gentlemen begun now not to let their eyes glance over me, and in most places I found myself distinguished; but observed, the more I grew into the esteem of their sex, the more I lost the favour of my own. Some of those whom I had been familiar with, grew cold and indifferent: others mistook, by design, my meaning, made me speak what I never thought, and so by degrees took occasion to break off all acquaintance. There were several little insignificant reflections cast upon me, as being a lady of a great many quaintnesses, and such like, which I seemed not

to take notice of. But my mother coming home about a week ago, told me there was a scandal spread about my own by my enemies, that would at once ruin me forever for a beauty: I earnestly entreated her to know the truth; she refused me, but yesterday it discovered itself. Being in an assembly of gentlemen and ladies, one of the gentlemen who had been very facetious to several of the ladies, at last turning to me, And as for you, Madam, Prior has already given us your character,

That air and harmony of shape expresses,
Fine by degrees, yet beautifully less.

I perceived immediately a malignant smile display itself in the countenance of some of the ladies, which they seconded with a scornful flutter of the fan; till one of them, unable any longer to contain, asked the gentleman if he did not remember what Congreve said about Aurelia, for she thought it mighty pretty. He made no answer, but instantly repeated the verses.

The Mulcibers who in the Minories sweat,
And massive bars on stubborn anvils beat;
Deform'd themselves, yet forge those stays of steel,
Which arm Aurelia with a shape to kill.

This was no sooner over, but it was easily discernible that an ill-natured satisfaction most of the company took; and the more pleasure they showed by dwelling upon the two last lines, the more they increased my trouble and confusion. And now, Sir, after this tedious account, what would you advise me to? Is there no way to be cleared of these malicious calumnies? What is beauty worth, that makes the possessor thus unhappy? Why was nature so lavish of her gifts to me, as to make her kindness prove a cruelty? They tell me my shape is delicate, my eyes sparkling, my lips I know not what, my cheeks, forsooth, adorned with a just mixture of the rose and lily; but I with this face was barely not disagreeable, this voice harsh and unharmonious, these limbs only not deformed, and then perhaps I might live easy and unmolested,

‘ and

‘ and neither raise love and admiration in the men
 ‘ scandal and hatred in the women.

Your very humble servant

C L A R

The best answer I can make my fair correspondent is, That she ought to comfort herself with this consideration, that those who talk thus of her know it is false, wish they could make others believe it true. If they think you deformed, but are vexed that themselves were not as nicely framed. If you will take a man’s advice, laugh, and be not concerned at what they have attained what they endeavoured if they leave you uneasy; for it is envy, that has made them wish would not have you with your shape one sixtieth part an inch disproportioned, nor desire your face might be impoverished with the ruin of half a feature, the numbers of remaining beauties might make the loss tolerable; but take courage, go into the brightest assembly and the world will quickly confess it to be scandalous. Plato, hearing it was asserted by some persons, that he was a very bad man, “ I shall take care,” said he, “ to live so, that no body will believe them.”

I shall conclude this paper with a relation of a fact. A gay young gentleman in the county of many years ago, fell desperately in love with a very young fine creature, whom, give me leave to call Melissa. After a pretty long delay, and frequent solicitations she refused several others of larger estates, and consented to make him happy. But they had not been married much above a twelve-month, till it appeared to be what Juba says,

Beauty soon grows familiar to the lover,
 Fades in the eye, and palls upon the sense.

Polydore (for that was his name) finding himself every day more uneasy, and unwilling she should discover the cause, for diversion came up to town to avoid all suspicions, brought Melissa along with him. After some stay here Polydore was one day in



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N° 86. FRIDAY, June 19.

— — Cui mens divinius, atque os
Magna sonaturum — —

HOR. Sat. 4. l. 1. v. 43.

————— who writes

With fancy high, and bold and daring flights. CREECH.

TO NESTOR IRONSIDE, Esq;

S I R,

Oxford, June 16, 1713.

THE classical writers, according to your advice,
are by no means neglected by me, while I
pursue my studies in divinity. I am persuaded that
they are fountains of good sense and eloquence; and
that it is absolutely necessary for a young mind to
form itself upon such models. For by a careful study
of their stile and manner, we shall at least avoid those
faults, into which a youthful imagination is apt to
hurry us; such as luxuriance of fancy, licentiousness
of stile, redundancy of thought, and false ornaments.
As I have been flattered by my friends, that I have
some genius for poetry, I sometimes turn my
thoughts that way; and with pleasure reflect, that
I have got over that childish part of life, which de-
lights in points and turns of wit; and that I can
take a manly and rational satisfaction in that which is
called painting in poetry. Whether it be, that in these
copyings of nature, the object is placed in such lights
and circumstances as strike the fancy agreeably; or
whether we are surpris'd to find objects, that are ab-
sent, placed before our eyes; or whether it be our ad-
miration of the author's art and dexterity; or whether
we amuse ourselves with comparing the picture and the
original; or rather (which is most probable) because
all these reasons concur to affect us, we are wonder-
fully charmed with these drawings after the life, this
magick that raises apparitions in the fancy.

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‘ Landskips, or still life, work much less upon us,
 ‘ than representations of the postures or passions of liv-
 ‘ ing creatures. Again, those passions or postures strike
 ‘ us more or less in proportion to the ease or violence
 ‘ of their motions. An horse grazing moves us less than
 ‘ one stretching in a race, and a racer less than one in
 ‘ the fury of a battle. It is very difficult, I believe, to
 ‘ express violent motions, which are fleeting and tran-
 ‘ sitory, either in colours or words. In poetry it re-
 ‘ quires great spirit in thought, and energy in stile ;
 ‘ which we find more of in the Eastern poetry, than
 ‘ either the Greek or Roman. The great Creator,
 ‘ who accommodated himself to those he vouchsafed to
 ‘ speak to, hath put into the mouths of his prophets
 ‘ such sublime sentiments and exalted language, as must
 ‘ abash the pride and wit of man. In the book of Job,
 ‘ the most ancient poem in the world, we have such
 ‘ paintings and descriptions, as I have spoken of, in
 ‘ great variety. I shall at present make some remarks
 ‘ on the celebrated description of the horse in that ho-
 ‘ ly book, and compare it with those drawn by Homer
 ‘ and Virgil.

‘ Homer hath the following similitude of an horse
 ‘ twice over in the Iliad, which Virgil hath copied from
 ‘ him ; at least he hath deviated less from Homer, than
 ‘ Mr. Dryden hath from him.

Freed from his keepers, thus with broken reins,
 The wanton courser prances o'er the plains ;
 Or in the pride of youth o'erleaps the mounds,
 And snuffs the females in forbidden grounds ;
 Or seeks his wat'ring in the well-known flood,
 To quench his thirst, and cool his fiery blood :
 He swims luxuriant in the liquid plain,
 And o'er his shoulders flows his waving mane ;
 He neighs, he snorts, he bears his head on high,
 Before his ample chest the frothy waters fly.

‘ Virgil's description is much fuller than the foregoing,
 ‘ which, as I said, is only a simile ; whereas Virgil pro-
 ‘ fesses to treat of the nature of the horse. It is thus
 ‘ admirably translated.

The fiery courser, when he hears from far
 The sprightly trumpets, and the shouts of war,
 Pricks up his ears, and trembling with delight,
 Shifts pace, and paws; and hopes the promis'd fight.
 On his right shoulder his thick mane reclin'd,
 Ruffles at speed, and dances in the wind.
 His horny hoofs are jetty black, and round;
 His chin is double; starting, with a bound
 He turns the turf, and shakes the solid ground.
 Fire from his eyes, clouds from his nostrils flow;
 He bears his rider headlong on the foe.

Now follows that in the book of Job; which under all the disadvantages of having been written in a language little understood; of being expressed in phrases peculiar to a part of the world, whose manner of thinking and speaking seems to us very uncouth; and above all, of appearing in a prose translation; is nevertheless so transcendently above the heathen descriptions, that hereby we may perceive how faint and languid the images are which are formed by mortal authors, when compared with that, which is figured, as it were, just as it appears in the eye of the Creator.

God speaking to Job, asks him,

“Hast thou given the horse strength? hast thou clothed his neck with thunder? Canst thou make him afraid as a grasshopper? the glory of his nostrils is terrible. He paweth in the valley, and rejoiceth in his strength: he goeth on to meet the armed men. He mocketh at fear, and is not affrighted; neither turneth he back from the sword. The quiver rattleth against him, the glittering spear and the shield. He swalloweth the ground with fierceness and rage: neither believeth he that it is the sound of the trumpet. He saith amongst the trumpets, Ha, ha; and he smelleth the battle afar off; the thunder of the captains, and the shouting.”

Here are all the great and sprightly images, that thought can form, of this generous beast, expressed in such force and vigour of stile, as would have given the great wits of antiquity new laws for the sublime, had they been acquainted with these writings:

I cannot but particularly observe, that whereas the classical poets chiefly endeavour to paint the outward figure, lineaments, and motions; the sacred poet makes all the beauties to flow from an inward principle in the creature he describes, and thereby gives great spirit and vivacity to his description. The following phrases and circumstances seem singularly remarkable.

“Hast thou cloathed his neck with thunder?” Homer and Virgil mention nothing about the neck of the horse, but his mane. The sacred author, by the bold figure of thunder, not only expresses the shaking of that remarkable beauty in the horse, and the flakes of hair which naturally suggest the idea of lightning; but likewise the violent agitation and force of the neck, which in the oriental tongues had been flatly expressed by a metaphor less than this.

“Canst thou make him afraid as a grasshopper?” There is a twofold beauty in this expression, which not only marks the courage of this beast, by asking if he can be scared? but likewise raises a noble image of his swiftness, by insinuating, that if he could be frightened, he would bound away with the nimbleness of a grasshopper.

“The glory of his nostrils is terrible.” This is more strong and concise than that of Virgil, which yet is the noblest line that was ever written without inspiration.

Collectumque premens volvit sub naribus ignem.

Georg. 3. v. 85.

And in his nostrils rolls collected fire.

“He rejoiceth in his strength——He mocketh at fear ——neither believeth he that it is the sound of the trumpet——He saith among the trumpets, Ha, ha;”——are signs of courage, as I said before, flowing from an inward principle. There is a peculiar beauty in his “not believing it is the sound of the trumpet:” that is, he cannot believe it for joy; but when he was sure of it, and is “amongst the trumpets, he saith, Ha, ha;” he neighs, he rejoices. His docility is elegantly painted in his being unmoved at the “rattling quiver, the
“glitterin

“ glittering spear and the shield ;” and is well imitated
 ‘ by Oppian, (who undoubtedly read Job as well as
 ‘ Virgil) in his poem upon hunting.

How firm the manag’d war-horse keeps his ground,
 Nor breaks his order, tho’ the trumpets sound !
 With fearless eye the glitt’ring host surveys,
 And glares directly at the helmet’s blaze :
 The master’s word, the laws of war he knows,
 And when to stop, and when to charge the foes.

“ He swalloweth the ground” is an expression for
 ‘ prodigious swiftness, in use among the Arabians, Job’s
 ‘ countrymen, at this day. The Latins have something
 ‘ like it.

Latumque fugâ consumere campum. NEMESIAN

In flight th’ extended champain to *consume*.

Carpere prata fugâ. VIRG. Georg. 3. 142.

In flight to *crop* the meads.

————campumque volatu

Cùm rapuere, pedum vestigia quæras. SIL. ITAL.

When in their flight the champain they have *snatch’d*;
 No track is left behind.

‘ It is indeed the boldest and noblest of images for swift-
 ‘ ness ; nor have I met with any thing that comes fit
 ‘ near it, as Mr. Pope’s in Windsor Forest.

Th’ impatient courser pants in ev’ry vein,
 And pawing, seems to beat the distant plain ;
 Hills, vales and floods appear already cross’d,
 And ere he starts, a thousand stens are lost

He frets, he foams, he rends his idle rein ;
Sprints o'er the fence, and headlong seeks the plain.

I am, SIR,

Your ever obliged servant,

JOHN LIZARD.



N^o 87. SATURDAY, June 20.

——— *Constiterant hinc Thisbe, Priamus illinc,
Inque vicem fuerat captatus anhelitus oris.*

OVID. *Met.* l. 4. v. 71.

Here Pyramus, there gentle Thisbe, strove
To catch each other's breath, the balmy breeze of love.

MY precautions are made up of all that I can hear and see, translate, borrow, paraphrase, or contract, from the persons with whom I mingle and converse, and the authors whom I read. But the grave discourses which I sometimes give the town, do not win so much attention as lighter matters. For this reason it is, that I am obliged to consider vice as it is ridiculous, and accompanied with gallantry, else I find in a very short time I shall lie like waste paper on the tables of coffee-houses. Where I have taken most pains I often find myself least read. There is a spirit of intrigue got into all, even the meanest of the people, and the very servants are bent upon delights, and commence oglers and languishers. I happened the other day to pass by a gentleman's house, and saw the most flippant scene of low love that I have ever observed. The maid was rubbing the windows within side of the house, and her humble servant the footman was so happy a man as to be employed in cleaning the same glass on the side toward the street. The wench began with the greatest severity of aspect imaginable, and breathing on the glass, followed it with a dry cloth ; her opposite observed her,

and fetching a deep sigh, as if it were his last, with a very disconsolate air did the same on his side of the window. He still worked on and languished, till at last his fair one smiled, but covered herself, and spreading the napkin in her hand, concealed herself from her admirer, while he took pains, as it were, to work through all that intercepted their meeting. This pretty contest held for four or five large panes of glass, till at last the waggery was turn'd to an humorous way of breathing in each other's faces, and catching the impression. The gay creatures were thus loving and pleasing their imaginations with their nearness and distance, till the windows were so transparent that the beauty of the female made the man-servant impatient of beholding it, and the whole house besides being abroad, he ran in, and they romped out of my sight. It may be imagined these oglers of no quality made a more sudden application of the intention of kind sighs and glances than those whose education lays them under greater restraints, and who are consequently more slow in their advances. I have often observed all the low part of the town in love, and taking a hackney-coach have consider'd all that pass'd by me in that light, as these cities are composed of crouds wherein there is not one who is not lawfully or unlawfully engaged in that passion. When one is in this speculation, it is not unpleasant to observe alliances between those males and females whose lot it is to act in publick. Thus the woods in the middle of summer, are not more entertaining with the different notes of birds, than the town is of different voices of the several sorts of people who act in publick; they are divided into classes, and crouds made for crouds. The hackney-coachmen, chairmen, and porters, are the lovers of the hawker-women, fruitresses, and milk-maids. They are a wild world by themselves, and have voices significant of their private inclinations, which strangers can take no notice of. Thus a wench with fruit looks like a mad-woman when she cries wares you see she does not carry, but those in the secret know that cry is only an assignation to an hackney-coachman who is driving by, and understands her. The whole people is in an intrigue, and
the



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this paper with an observation that the lower world is got into fashionable vices, and above all to the understanding the language of the eye. There is nothing but writing songs which the footmen do not practise as well as their masters. Spurious races of mankind, which pine in want, and perish in their first months of being, come into the world from this degeneracy. The possession of wealth and affluence seems to carry some faint extenuation of his guilt who is sunk by it into luxury; but poverty and servitude accompanied with the vices of wealth and licentiousness, is, I believe, a circumstance of ill peculiar to our age. This may, perhaps, be matter of jest, or is overlooked by those who do not turn their thoughts upon the actions of others. But from that one particular, of the immorality of our servants arising from the negligence of masters of families in their care of them, flows that irresistible torrent of disasters which spreads itself through all human life. Old age oppressed with beggary, youth drawn into the commission of murders and robberies, both owe their disaster to this evil. If we consider the happiness which grows out of a fatherly conduct towards servants, it would encourage a man to that sort of care, as much as the effects of a libertine behaviour to them would affright us.

Lycurgus is a man of that noble disposition, that his domesticks, in a nation of the greatest liberty, enjoy a freedom known only to themselves, who live under his roof. He is the banker, the council, the parent of all his numerous dependents. Kindness is the law of his house, and the way to his favour is being gentle and well-natured to their fellow-servants. Every one recommends himself, by appearing officious to let their patron know the merit of others under his care. Many little fortunes have streamed out of his favour; and his prudence is such, that the fountain is not exhausted by the channels from it, but its way cleared to run new meanders. He bestows with so much judgment, that his bounty is the increase of his wealth; all who share his favour, are enabled to enjoy it by his example, and he has not only made, but qualified many a man to be rich.



No 88.

MONDAY, June 22.

Mens agitat molem-----

VIRG. Æn. 6. v. 727.

A mind informs the mass.

TO one who regards things with a philosophical eye, and hath a soul capable of being delighted with the sense that truth and knowledge prevail among men, it must be a grateful reflexion to think that the blindest truths, which among the heathens only here and there one of brighter parts and more leisure than ordinary could attain to, are now grown familiar to the meanest inhabitants of these nations.

Whence came this surprizing change, that regions formerly inhabited by ignorant and savage people, should now outshine ancient Greece, and the other eastern countries, so renowned of old, in the most elevated notions of theology and morality? Is it the effect of our own parts and industry? Have our common mechanic's more refined understandings than the ancient philosophers? It is owing to the God of Truth, who came down from heaven, and condescended to be himself our teacher. It is as we are Christians, that we profess more excellent and divine truths than the rest of mankind.

If there be any of the Free-thinkers who are not direct atheists, charity would incline one to believe them ignorant of what is here advanced. And it is for their information that I write this paper, the design of which is to compare the ideas that christians entertain of the being and attributes of a God, with the gross notions of the heathen world. Is it possible for the mind of man to conceive a more august idea of the Deity than is set forth in the Holy Scriptures? I shall throw together some passages relating to this subject, which I propose only as philosophical sentiments, to be considered by a Free-thinker.

‘ Tho’ there be that are called Gods, yet to us there
 ‘ is but one God. He made the heaven, and heaven of
 ‘ heavens, with all their host; the earth and all things
 ‘ that are therein; the seas and all that is therein; He
 ‘ said, let them be, and it was so. He hath stretched
 ‘ forth the heavens. He hath founded the earth, and
 ‘ hung it upon nothing. He hath shut up the sea with
 ‘ doors, and said, Hitherto shalt thou come and no
 ‘ farther, and here shall thy proud waves be staid. The
 ‘ Lord is an invisible spirit, in whom we live, and move,
 ‘ and have our being. He is the fountain of life. He
 ‘ preserveth man and beast. He giveth food to all flesh.
 ‘ In his hand is the soul of every living thing, and the
 ‘ breath of all mankind. The Lord maketh poor and
 ‘ maketh rich. He bringeth low and lifteth up. He kil-
 ‘ leth and maketh alive. He woundeth and he healeth.
 ‘ By him kings reign, and princes decree justice, and
 ‘ not a sparrow falleth to the ground without him. All
 ‘ angels, authorities and powers are subject to him. He
 ‘ appointeth the moon for seasons, and the sun knoweth
 ‘ his going down. He thundereth with his voice, and
 ‘ directeth it under the whole heaven, and his lightning
 ‘ unto the ends of the earth. Fire and hail, snow and
 ‘ vapour, wind and storm, fulfil his word. The Lord
 ‘ is King for ever and ever, and his dominion is an ever-
 ‘ lasting dominion. earth and the heavens shall
 ‘ perish, but thou, O remainest. They all shall wax
 ‘ old, as doth a garment, and as a vesture shalt thou fold
 ‘ them up, and they shall be changed; but thou art the
 ‘ same, and thy years shall have no end. God is perfect
 ‘ in knowledge; his understanding is infinite. He is the
 ‘ father of lights. He looketh to the ends of the earth,
 ‘ and seeth under the whole heaven. The Lord behold-
 ‘ eth all the children of men from the place of his habi-
 ‘ tation, and considereth all their works. He knoweth
 ‘ our down-sitting and up-rising. He compasseth our path,
 ‘ and counteth our steps. He is acquainted with all our
 ‘ ways; and when we enter our closet, and shut our
 ‘ door, he seeth us. He knoweth the things that come
 ‘ into our mind, every one of them: and no thought
 ‘ can be withholden from him. The Lord is good to
 ‘ all, and his tender mercies are over all his works. He

is a father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widow. He is the God of peace, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort and consolation. The Lord is great, and we know him not; His greatness is unsearchable. Who but he hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out the heavens with a span? Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty. "Thou art very great, thou art clothed with honour. Heaven is thy throne and earth is thy footstool."

Can the mind of a philosopher rise to a more just and magnificent, and at the same time a more amiable idea of the Deity than is here set forth in the strongest images and most emphatical language? And yet this is the language of shepherds and fishermen. The illiterate Jews and poor persecuted Christians retained these noble sentiments, while the polite and powerful nations of the earth were given up to that sottish sort of worship, of which the following elegant description is extracted from one of the inspired writers.

Who hath formed a God, and molten an image that is profitable for nothing? The smith with the tongs both worketh in the coals and fashioneth it with hammers, and worketh it with the strength of his arms: yea he is hungry and his strength faileth. He drinketh no water and is faint. A man planteth an ash, and the rain doth nourish it. He burneth part thereof in the fire. He roseth roft. He warmeth himself. And the residue thereof he maketh a God. He falleth down unto it, and worshippeth it, and prayeth unto it, and saith, Deliver me, for thou art my God. None considereth in his heart, I have burnt part of it in the fire, yea also, I have baked bread upon the coals thereof: I have rolled flesh and eaten it; and shall I make the residue thereof an abomination? Shall I fall down to the stock of a tree?

In such circumstances as these, for a man to declare for free-thinking, and disengage himself from the yoke of idolatry, were doing honour to human nature, and a work well becoming the great asserters of reason. But in a church, where our adoration is directed to the supreme Being, and (to say the least) where is nothing ei-

ther in the object or manner of worship that contradicts the light of nature; there, under the pretence of free-thinking, to rail at the religious institutions of their country, sheweth an undistinguishing genius that mistakes opposition for freedom of thought. And, indeed, notwithstanding the pretences of some few among our Free-thinkers, I can hardly think there are men so stupid and inconsistent with themselves, as to have a serious regard for natural religion, and at the same time use their utmost endeavours to destroy the credit of those sacred writings, which as they have been the means of bringing these parts of the world to the knowledge of natural religion, so in case they lose their authority over the minds of men, we should of course sink into the same idolatry which we see practised by other unenlightened nations.

If a person who exerts himself in the modern way of free-thinking be not a stupid idolater, it is undeniable that he contributes all he can to the making other men so, either by ignorance or design; which lays him under the dilemma, I will not say of being a fool or knave, but of incurring the contempt or detestation of mankind.



N^o 89. TUESDAY, June 23.

Ignæus est ollis vigor, & cœlestis origo

Seminibus———

VIRG. ÆN. 6. v. 730.

They boast ethereal vigour, and are form'd
From seeds of heavenly birth.

THE same faculty of reason and understanding, which placeth us above the brute part of the creation, doth also subject our minds to greater and more manifold disquiets than creatures of an inferior rank are sensible of. It is by this that we anticipate future disasters, and oft create to ourselves real pain, from imaginary evils, as well as multiply the pangs arising from those which cannot be avoided.

behoves us therefore to make the best use of the time talent, which, so long as it continues the instrument of passion, will serve only to make us miserable, in proportion as we are more excellent than other beings.

It is the privilege of a thinking being to withdraw from the objects that solicit his senses, and turn his thoughts inward on himself. For my own part I often forget the pain arising from the little misfortunes and disappointments that check human life by this intrusion of my faculties, wherein I regard my own soul as the image of her Creator, and receive great consolation from beholding those perfections which testify her to be the original, and lead me into some knowledge of the everlasting archetype.

But there is not any property or circumstance of my being that I contemplate with more joy than my immortality. I can easily overlook any present moment of sorrow, when I reflect that it is in my power to live a thousand years hence. If it were not for this thought, I had rather be an oyster than a man, than that stupid and senseless of animals than a reasonable being tortured with an extreme innate desire of the perfection which it despairs to obtain.

It is with great pleasure that I behold instinct, reason, and faith concurring to attest this comfortable truth: revealed from heaven, it is discovered by philosophers, and the ignorant, unenlightened part of mankind have a natural propensity to believe it. It is an agreeable entertainment to reflect on the various shapes under which this doctrine has appeared in the world. The Pythagorean transmigrations, the sensual habitations of Mahometan, and the shady realms of Pluto, do agree in the main points, the continuation of our existence, and the distribution of rewards and punishment proportioned to the merits or demerits of men in this

but in all these schemes there is something gross and improbable, that shocks a reasonable and speculative mind: whereas nothing can be more rational and sublime than the christian idea of a future state. "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither hath it entered into the heart

“ man to conceive the things which God hath prepared for
 “ those that love him.” The above-mentioned schemes are
 narrow transcripts of our present state: but in this indefi-
 nite description there is something ineffably great and no-
 ble. The mind of man must be raised to a higher pitch,
 not only to partake the enjoyments of the christian para-
 dise, but even to be able to frame any notion of them.

Nevertheless, in order to gratify our imagination, and
 by way of condescension to our low way of thinking, the
 ideas of light, glory, a crown, &c. are made use of to
 adumbrate that which we cannot directly understand.

“ The Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed
 “ them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters;
 “ and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes. And
 “ there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying,
 “ neither shall there be any more pain; for the former
 “ things are passed away, and behold all things are new.
 “ There shall be no night there, and they need no candle,
 “ neither light of the sun: for the Lord God giveth them
 “ light, and shall make them drink of the river of his plea-
 “ sures; and they shall reign for ever and ever. They shall
 “ receive a crown of glory which fadeth not away.

These are cheering reflexions; and I have often
 wondered that men could be found so dull and phlegma-
 tick, as to prefer the thought of annihilation before
 them; or so ill-natured, as to endeavour to persuade man-
 kind to the disbelief of what is so pleasing and profitable
 even in the prospect; or so blind, as not to see that
 there is a Deity, and if there be, that this scheme of
 things flows from his attributes, and evidently corre-
 sponds with the other parts of his creation.

I know not how to account for this absurd turn of
 thought, except it proceed from a want of other em-
 ployment joined with an affectation of singularity. I
 shall, therefore, inform our modern Free-thinkers of two
 points whereof they seem to be ignorant. The first is,
 that it is not the being singular, but being singular for
 something, that argues either extraordinary endowments
 of nature, or benevolent intentions to mankind; which
 draws the admiration and esteem of the world. A mis-
 take in this point naturally arises from that confusion of
 thought which I do not remember to have seen so great
 instances



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‘ this day, you take no notice of yesterday’s Exar
 ‘ as I hoped you would, my love for my rel
 ‘ which is so nearly concerned, would not perm
 ‘ to be silent. The matter, Sir, is this. A bish
 ‘ our church (to whom the Examiner himself h
 ‘ thing to object, but his care and concern fo
 ‘ protestant religion, which by him, it seems, is th
 ‘ a sufficient fault) has lately published a book; in
 ‘ he endeavours to shew the folly, ignorance
 ‘ mistake of the church of Rome in its worl
 ‘ saints : from this the Examiner takes occasion
 ‘ upon the author with his utmost malice, and to
 ‘ him the subject of his ridicule. Is it then becc
 ‘ crime for a protestant to speak or write in defen
 ‘ his religion ? Shall a papist have leave to pri
 ‘ publish in England what he pleases in defence
 ‘ own opinion, with the Examiner’s approbation
 ‘ shall not a protestant be permitted to write an a
 ‘ to it ? For this, Mr. Guardian, is the present
 ‘ Last year a Papist (or to please Mr. Examiner,
 ‘ man Catholick) published the life of St. Wene
 ‘ for the use of those devout pilgrims who go in
 ‘ numbers to offer up their prayers to her at her
 ‘ This gave occasion to the worthy prelate, in
 ‘ diocese that well is, to make some observations
 ‘ it ; and in order to undeceive so many poor de
 ‘ people, to show how little reason, and how sm
 ‘ thority there is, not only to believe any of the m
 ‘ attributed to St. Wenefrede, but even to believe
 ‘ ever was such a person in the world. And shall
 ‘ good man, upon such an account, be liable to be a
 ‘ in so publick a manner ? Can any good Chur
 ‘ England man bear to see a bishop, one whom he
 ‘ sent majesty was pleased to make, treated in so
 ‘ crous a way ? or should one pass by the scurrilit
 ‘ the immodesty that is to be found in several pa
 ‘ the paper ? Who can with patience see St. Paul a
 ‘ Wenefrede set, by the Examiner, upon a level, a
 ‘ authority for one made by him to be equal wit
 ‘ for the other ? Who, that is a christian, can endu
 ‘ insipid mirth upon so serious an occasion ? I mu
 ‘ fess it raises my indignation to the greatest heig

pen that has been long employed in writing pancks upon persons of the first rank, (who would be ed to be pitied, were they to depend upon that heir praise) to see, I say, the same pen at last made of in defence of popery.

I think I may now, with justice, congratulate with e whom the Examiner dislikes; since, for my own , I should reckon it my great honour to be worthy his esteem, and should count his censure praise.

I am, S I R,

Your most humble Servant.

The above letter complains, with great justice, against a incorrigible creature; but I do not insert any thing concerning him, in hopes what I say will have any effect upon him, but to prevent the impression what he says have upon others. I shall end this paper with a notice I have just now written to a gentleman, whose papers are often inserted in the Guardian, without deduction of one tittle from what he sends.

S I R,

June 23.

I HAVE received the favour of your's with the inclosed, which made up the papers of the two last weeks. I cannot but look upon myself with great contempt and mortification, when I reflect that I have spent away more hours than you have lived, though I do so much excel me in every thing for which I should live. Till I knew you, I thought it the privilege of angels only to be very knowing and very industrious. In the warmth of youth to be capable of such exact and virtuous reflections, (with a suitable life) is the privilege with which you entertain yourself, is the utmost of human perfection and felicity. The greatest honour I can conceive done to another, is when an elder does reverence to a younger, though that younger is distinguished above him by fortune. Your contempt of pleasures, riches and honour will crown you with them all, and I wish you them not for your own sake, but

‘ for the reason which only would make them eligible
‘ by yourself, the good of others.

I am, dearest Youth,

Your Friend and Admirer,

NESTOR IRONSIDE.



N^o 91. THURSDAY, June 25.

-----Inest sua gratia parvis.

Little things have their value.

IT is the great rule of behaviour to follow nature. The author of the following letter is so much convinced of this truth, that he turns what would render a man of little soul exceptious, humourfom, and particular in all his actions, to a subject of rallery and mirth. He is, you must know, but half as tall as an ordinary man, but is contented to be still at his friend's elbow, and has set up a club, by which he hopes to bring those of his own size into a little reputation.

TO NESTOR IRONSIDE, Esq;

SIR,

‘ **I** Remember a saying of your's concerning persons in
‘ low circumstances of stature, that their littleness
‘ would hardly be taken notice of, if they did not ma-
‘ nifest a consciousness of it themselves in all their be-
‘ haviour. Indeed, the observation that no man is ri-
‘ diculous, for being what he is, but only in the affecta-
‘ tion of being something more, is equally true in regard
‘ to the mind and the body.

‘ I question not but it will be pleasing to you to hear,
‘ that a set of us have formed a society, who are sworn
‘ to “Dare to be short,” and boldly bear out the digni-
‘ ty of littleness under the noses of those enormous en-
‘ grossers of manhood, those hyperbolical monsters of the
‘ species, the tall fellows that overlook us.

‘ The

‘ The day of our institution was the tenth of December, being the shortest of the year, on which we are to hold an annual feast over a dish of shrimps.

‘ The place we have chosen for this meeting is in the Little Piazza, not without an eye to the neighbourhood of Mr. Powel’s opera, for the performers of which we have, as becomes us, a brotherly affection.

‘ At our first resort hither an old woman brought her son to the Club-Room, desiring he might be educated in this school, because she saw here were finer boys than ordinary. However, this accident no way discouraged our designs. We began with sending invitations to those of a stature not exceeding five foot, to repair to our assembly; but the greater part returned excuses, or pretended they were not qualified.

‘ One said he was indeed but five foot at present, but represented that he should soon exceed that proportion, his periwig-maker and shoe-maker having lately promised him three inches more betwixt them.

‘ Another alledged, he was so unfortunate as to have one leg shorter than the other, and whoever had determined his stature to five foot, had taken him at a disadvantage; for when he was mounted on the other leg, he was at least five foot two inches and a half.

‘ There were some who questioned the exactness of our measures; and others, instead of complying, returned us informations of people yet shorter than themselves. In a word, almost every one recommended some neighbour or acquaintance, whom he was willing we should look upon to be less than he. We were not a little ashamed that those who are past the years of growth, and whose beards pronounce them men, should be guilty of as many unfair tricks in this point, as the most aspiring children when they are measured.

‘ We therefore proceeded to fit up the Club-Room, and provide conveniences for our accommodation. In the first place we caused a total removal of all the chairs, stools and tables, which had served the gross of mankind for many years. The disadvantages we had undergone, while we made use of these, were unspeakable. The president’s whole body was sunk in the elbow-chair; and when his arms were spread over it, he

‘ he appeared (to the great lessening of his dignity) like
 ‘ a child in a go-cart: It was also so wide in the seat,
 ‘ as to give a wag occasion of saying, that notwithstand-
 ‘ ing the president sat in it, there was a *sede vacante*.

‘ The table was so high that one, who came by chance
 ‘ to the door, seeing our chins just above the pewter
 ‘ dishes, took us for a circle of men that sat ready to
 ‘ be shaved, and sent in half a dozen barbers. Another
 ‘ time one of the club spoke contumeliously of the pre-
 ‘ sident, imagining he had been absent, when he was
 ‘ only eclipsed by a flask of Florence which stood on the
 ‘ table in a parallel line before his face. We therefore
 ‘ new-furnished the room in all respects proportionably
 ‘ to us, and had the door made lower, so as to admit no
 ‘ man of above five foot high, without brushing his
 ‘ foretop, which whoever does is utterly unqualified to sit
 ‘ among us.

Some of the statutes of the Club are as follow:

‘ I. If it be proved upon any member, tho’ never so
 ‘ duly qualified, that he strives as much as possible to
 ‘ get above his size, by stretching, cocking, or the
 ‘ like, or that he hath stood on tiptoe in a croud, with
 ‘ design to be taken for as tall a man as the rest; or
 ‘ hath privily conveyed any large book, cricket, or
 ‘ other device under him, to exalt him on his seat;
 ‘ every such offender shall be sentenced to walk in
 ‘ pumps for a whole month.

‘ II. If any member shall take advantage from the
 ‘ fulness or length of his wig, or any part of his dress,
 ‘ seem larger or higher than he is; it is ordered, he shall
 ‘ wear red heels to his shoes, and a red feather in his
 ‘ hat; which may apparently mark and set bounds to
 ‘ the extremities of his small dimension, that all people
 ‘ may readily find him out between his hat and his shoes.

‘ III. If any member shall purchase a horse for his
 ‘ own riding above fourteen hands and an half in height,
 ‘ that horse shall forthwith be sold, a Scotch galloway
 ‘ bought in its stead for him, and the overplus of the
 ‘ money shall treat the club.

‘ IV. If any member, in direct contradiction to the
 ‘ funda-

‘ fundamental laws of the society, shall wear the heels
 ‘ of his shoes exceeding one inch and half, it shall be in-
 ‘ terpreted as an open renunciation of littleness, and the
 ‘ criminal shall instantly be expelled. Note, The form
 ‘ to be used in expelling a member shall be in these
 ‘ words; “Go from among us, and be tall if you can!”

‘ It is the unanimous opinion of our whole society,
 ‘ that since the race of mankind is granted to have de-
 ‘ creased in stature from the beginning to this present,
 ‘ it is the intent of nature itself, that men should be
 ‘ little; and we believe that all human kind shall at last
 ‘ grow down to perfection, that is to say, be reduced to
 ‘ our own measure.

I am very literally,

Your humble Servant,

BOB SHORT,



N^o 92. FRIDAY, June 26.

Homunculi quanti sunt, cum recogito! PLAUTUS!

‘ Now I recollect, how considerable are these little men!

TO NESTOR IRONSIDE, Esq;

S I R,

‘ THE Club rising early this evening I have time
 ‘ to finish my account of it. You are already ac-
 ‘ quainted with the nature and design of our institution;
 ‘ the characters of the members, and the topicks of our
 ‘ conversation, are what remain for the subject of this
 ‘ epistle.

‘ The most eminent persons of our assembly are a lit-
 ‘ tle poet, a little lover, a little politician, and a little
 ‘ hero. The first of these, Dick Distich by name, we
 ‘ have elected president, not only as he is the shortest of
 ‘ us all, but because he has entertained so just a sense of
 ‘ the stature, as to go generally in black, that he may ap-
 ‘ pear yet less. Nay, to that perfection is he arrived,
 ‘ that

' that he stoops as he walks. The figure of the man is
 ' odd enough ; he is a lively little creature, with long
 ' arms and legs : A spider is no ill emblem of him.
 ' He has been taken at a distance for a small windmill.
 ' But indeed what principally moved us in his favour
 ' was his talent in poetry, for he hath promised to un-
 ' dertake a long work in short verse to celebrate the
 ' heroes of our size. He has entertained so great a re-
 ' spect for Statius, on the score of that line,

Major in exiguo regnabat corpore virtus.

A larger portion of heroic fire
 Did his small limbs, and little breast inspire.

' that he once designed to translate the whole Thebaid
 ' for the sake of little Tydeus.

' TOM TIPTOE, a dapper black fellow, is the
 ' most gallant lover of the age. He is particularly
 ' nice in his habiliments ; and to the end justice may be
 ' done him that way, constantly employs the same artificer
 ' who makes attire for the neighbouring princes and la-
 ' dies of quality at Mr. Powel's. The vivacity of his
 ' temper inclines him sometimes to boast of the favours
 ' of the fair. He was, t'other night excusing his ab-
 ' sence from the club upon account of an assignation with
 ' a lady, (and, as he had the vanity to tell us, a tall
 ' one too) who had consented to the full accomplish-
 ' ment of his desires that evening ; but one of the com-
 ' pany, who was his confidant, assured us she was a wo-
 ' man of humour, and made the agreement on this con-
 ' dition, that his toe should be tied to hers.

' Our politician is a person of real gravity, and
 ' professed wisdom. Gravity in a man of this size
 ' compared with that of one of ordinary bulk, appears
 ' like the gravity of a cat compared with that of a lion.
 ' This gentleman is accustomed to talk to himself, and
 ' was once over-heard to compare his own person, to
 ' little cabinet, wherein are locked up all the secrets
 ' of state, and refined schemes of princes. His face is
 ' pale and meagre, which proceeds from much watch-
 ' ing and studying for the welfare of Europe, which is
 ' also thought to have stunted his growth : For he hat
 ' destroye



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of complaint, nor is he to be laughed at but in his absence.

We are likewise particularly careful to communicate in the Club all such passages of history, or characters of illustrious personages, as any way reflect honour on 'little' men. Tim Tuck having but just reading enough for a military man, perpetually entertains us with the same stories, of little David, that conquered the mighty Goliath, and little Luxembourg, that made Lewis XIV. a grand monarch, never forgetting Little Alexander the Great. Dick Distich celebrates the exceeding humanity of Augustus, who called Horace *Lepidissimum Homunciolum*; and is wonderfully pleased with Voiture and Scaron, for having so well described their diminutive forms to all posterity. He is peremptorily of opinion, against a great reader, and all his adherents, that Æsop was not so jot properer or handsomer than he is represented by the common pictures. But the soldier believes with the learned person above mentioned; for he thinks none but an impudent tall author could be guilty of such an unmannerly piece of satire on little warriors as his battle of the mouse and the frog. The politician is very proud of a certain king of Egypt, called Bocchor, who, as Diodorus assures us, was a person of very low stature, but far exceeded all that went before him in discretion and politicks.

As I am secretary to the Club, it is my business whenever we meet to take minutes of the transactions: This has enabled me to send you the foregoing particulars, as I may hereafter other memoirs. We have spies appointed in every quarter of the town to give us informations of the misbehaviour of such refractory persons as refuse to be subject to our statutes. Whatsoever aspiring practices any of these our people shall be guilty of in their amours, single combats, or any indirect means to manhood, we shall certainly be acquainted with, and publish to the world for their punishment and reformation. For the president has granted me the sole property of exposing and shewing to the town all such intractable dwarfs whose circumstances exempt them from being carried

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about in boxes: Reserving only to himself, as the right of a poet, those smart characters that will shine in epigrams. Venerable Nestor, I salute you in the name of the Club.

BOB SHORT, Secretar.



N^o 93. SATURDAY, June 27.

-----Est animus lucis contemptor.

VIRG. ÆN. 9. v. 205.

The thing called life with ease I can disclaim.

DRYDEN.

THE following letters are curious and instructive, and shall make up the business of the day.

To the Author of the GUARDIAN.

S I R,

June 25, 1713.

THE inclosed is a faithful translation from an old author, which if it deserves your notice, let the readers guess whether he was a heathen or a christian.

I am,

Your most humble Servant.

I cannot, my friends, forbear letting you know what I think of death; for methinks I view and understand it much better, the nearer I approach to it. I am convinced that your fathers, those illustrious persons whom I so much loved and honoured, do not cease to live, tho' they have passed thro' what we call death; they are undoubtedly still living, but it is that sort of life which alone deserves truly to be called life. In effect, while we are confined to bodies, we ought to esteem ourselves no other than a sort of galley-slaves at the chain, since the soul, which is somewhat divine, and descends from heaven as the place of its original,

seems

seems debased and dishonoured by the mixture
 flesh and blood, and to be in a state of banish-
 from its celestial country. I cannot help thinking
 that one main reason of uniting souls to bodies
 that the great work of the universe might have
 tators to admire the beautiful order of nature, the
 gular motion of heavenly bodies, who should stri-
 exprefs that regularity in the uniformity of their
 When I confider the boundless activity of our m-
 the remembrance we have of things past, our
 fight of what is to come: When I reflect on the
 discoveries and vast improvements, by which
 minds have advanced arts and sciences; I am er-
 ly perfuaded, and out of all doubt, that a nature w-
 has in itself a fund of fo many excellent things ca-
 poffibly be mortal. I obferve further, that my mi-
 altogether fimple, without the mixture of any fubft-
 or nature different from its own; I conclude from th-
 that it is indivifible, and confequently cannot peril-

By no means think therefore, my dear friends, v-
 I fhall have quitted you, that I ceafe to be, or
 fubfift no where. Remember that while we live
 gether, you do not fee my mind, and yet are fure
 I have one actuating and moving my body; doub-
 then but that this fame mind will have a being v-
 it is feparated, tho' you cannot then perceive its
 tions. What nonfence would it be to pay thofe
 nours to great men after their deaths, which we
 ftantly do, if their fouls did not then fubfift? Fo-
 own part, I could never imagine that our minds
 only when united to bodies, and die when they
 them; or that they fhall ceafe to think and under-
 when difengaged from bodies, which without
 have neither fense nor reason; on the contrary,
 lieve the foul when feparated from matter, to
 the greateft purity and fimplicity of its nature, a-
 have much more wifdom and light than when
 it was united. We fee when the body dies what
 comes of all the parts which compofed it; but v-
 not fee the mind, either in the body, or when it l-
 it. Nothing more refembles death than fleep, and
 in that ftate that the foul chiefly fhews it has

thing divine in its nature. How much more then must it shew it, when entirely disengaged?’

To the Author of the GUARDIAN.

S I R,

SINCE you have not refused to insert matters of a theological nature in those excellent papers, with which you daily both instruct and divert us, I earnestly desire you to print the following paper. The notions therein advanced are, for ought I know, new to the English reader, and if they are true, will afford room for many useful inferences.

No man that reads the evangelists, but must observe that our blessed Saviour does upon every occasion bend all his force and zeal to rebuke and correct the hypocrisy of the Pharisees. Upon that subject he shews a warmth which one meets with in no other part of his sermons. They were so enraged at this publick detection of their secret villainies, by one who saw through all their disguises, that they joined in the prosecution of him, which was so vigorous, that Pilate at last consented to his death. The frequency and vehemence of these representations of our Lord, have made the word Pharisee to be looked upon as odious among christians, and to mean only one who lays the utmost stress upon the outward, ceremonial, and ritual part of his religion, without having such an inward sense of it, as would lead him to a general and sincere observance of those duties which can only arise from the heart, and which cannot be supposed to spring from a desire of applause or profit.

This is plain from the History of the life and actions of our Lord in the four evangelists. One of them, St. Luke, continued his history down in a second part, which we commonly call The Acts of the Apostles. Now it is observable, that in this second part in which he gives a particular account of what the Apostles did and suffered at Jerusalem upon their first entering upon their commission, and also of what St. Paul did after he was consecrated to the Apostleship till his journey to Rome, we find not only no opposition to christianity

‘from

‘ from the Pharisees, but several signal occasions in which
 ‘ they assisted its first teachers, when the christian church
 ‘ was in its infant state. The true, zealous and hearty
 ‘ persecutors of christianity at that time were the Sad-
 ‘ ducees, whom we may truly call the Free-thinkers
 ‘ among the Jews. They believed neither resurrection
 ‘ nor angel, nor spirit, i. e. in plain English, they were
 ‘ Deists at least, if not Atheists. They could outwardly
 ‘ comply with, and conform to the establishment in
 ‘ church and state, and they pretended forsooth to belong
 ‘ only to a particular sect; and because there was nothing
 ‘ in the law of Moses which in so many words asserted
 ‘ a resurrection, they appeared to adhere to that in
 ‘ particular manner beyond any other part of the Old
 ‘ Testament. These men therefore justly dreaded the
 ‘ spreading of christianity after the ascension of our Lord
 ‘ because it was wholly founded upon his resurrection.

‘ Accordingly therefore when Peter and John ha-
 ‘ cured the lame man at the beautiful gate of the
 ‘ temple, and had thereby raised a wonderful expecta-
 ‘ tion of themselves among the people, the priests and
 ‘ Sadducees, Acts iv. clapt them up, and sent them away
 ‘ for the first time with a severe reprimand. Quickly af-
 ‘ ter, when the deaths of Ananias and Sapphira, and the
 ‘ many miracles wrought after those severe instances of
 ‘ the apostolical power had alarmed the priests, who
 ‘ looked upon the temple-worship, and consequently
 ‘ their bread, to be struck at; these priests, and all they
 ‘ that were with them, who were of the sect of the Sad-
 ‘ duces, imprisoned the Apostles, intending to examine
 ‘ them in the great council the next day. Where, when
 ‘ the council met, and the priests and Sadducees pro-
 ‘ posed to proceed with great rigour against them, we
 ‘ find that Gamaliel, a very eminent Pharisee, St. Paul’s
 ‘ master, a man of great authority among the people,
 ‘ many of whose determinations we have still preserved
 ‘ in the body of the Jewish traditions, commonly call-
 ‘ ed the Talmud, opposed their heat, and told them,
 ‘ for ought they knew, the Apostles might be acted by
 ‘ the Spirit of God, and that in such a case it would be
 ‘ in vain to oppose them, since if they did so, they
 ‘ would

would only fight against God, whom they could not overcome. Gamaliel was so considerable a man among his own sect, that we may reasonably believe he spoke the sense of his party as well as his own. St. Stephen's martyrdom came on presently after, in which we do not find the Pharisees, as such, had any hand; it is probable that he was prosecuted by those who had before imprisoned Peter and John. One novice indeed of that sect was so zealous, that he kept the clothes of those that stoned him. This novice, whose zeal went beyond all bounds, was the great St. Paul, who was peculiarly honoured with a call from heaven by which he was converted, and he was afterwards, by God himself, appointed to be the apostle of the Gentiles. Besides him, and him too reclaimed in so glorious a manner, we find no one Pharisee either named or hinted at by St. Luke, as an opposer of christianity in those earliest days. What others might do we know not. But we find the Sadducees pursuing St. Paul even to death at his coming to Jerusalem, in the 21st of the Acts. He then, upon all occasions, owned himself to be a Pharisee. In the 22d chapter he told the people, that he had been bred up at the feet of Gamaliel after the strictest manner, in the law of his fathers. In the 23d chapter he told the council that he was a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee, and that he was accused for asserting the hope and resurrection of the dead, which was their darling doctrine. Hereupon the Pharisees stood by him, and tho' they did not own our Saviour to be the Messiah, yet they would not deny but some angel or spirit might have spoken to him, and then if they opposed him, they should fight against God. This was the very argument Gamaliel had used before. The resurrection of our Lord, which they saw so strenuously asserted by the apostles, whose miracles they also saw and owned, (Acts iv. 16.) seems to have struck them, and many of them were converted (Acts xv. 5.) even without a miracle, and the rest stood still and made no opposition.

We see here what the part was which the Pharisees acted in this important conjuncture. Of the Sadducees

‘ we meet not with one in the whole apostolic history
 ‘ that was converted. We hear of no miracles wrought
 ‘ to convince any of them, tho’ there was an eminent
 ‘ one wrought to reclaim a Pharisee. St. Paul, we see,
 ‘ after his conversion always gloried in his having been
 ‘ bred a Pharisee. He did so to the people of Jerusalem,
 ‘ to the great council, to king Agrippa, and to the Phi-
 ‘ lippians. So that from hence we may justly infer, that
 ‘ it was not their institution, which was in itself lauda-
 ‘ ble, which our blessed Saviour found fault with, but
 ‘ it was their hypocrisy, their covetousness, their op-
 ‘ pression, their overvaluing themselves upon their zeal
 ‘ for the ceremonial law, and their adding to that yoke
 ‘ by their traditions, all which were not properly es-
 ‘ sentials of their institution, that our Lord blamed.

‘ But I must not run on. What I would observe
 ‘ Sir, is, that atheism is more dreadful, and would be
 ‘ more grievous to human society, if it were invested
 ‘ with sufficient power, than religion under any shape,
 ‘ where its professors do at the bottom believe what they
 ‘ profess. I despair not of a papist’s conversion, tho’
 ‘ I would not willingly lie at a zealot papist’s mercy
 ‘ (and no protestant would, if he knew what popery is,
 ‘ tho’ he truly believes in our Saviour. But the Free-
 ‘ thinker, who scarcely believes there is a God, and cer-
 ‘ tainly disbelieves revelation, is a very terrible animal.
 ‘ He will talk of Natural Rights, and the just free-
 ‘ doms of mankind, no longer than ’till he himself get
 ‘ into power; and by the instance before us, we have
 ‘ small grounds to hope for his salvation, or that God
 ‘ will ever vouchsafe him sufficient grace to reclaim him
 ‘ from errors, which have been so immediately levelled
 ‘ against himself.

‘ If these notions be true, as I verily believe they
 ‘ are, I thought they might be worth publishing at this
 ‘ time, for which reason they are sent in this manner
 ‘ to you by,

S I R,

Your most humble servant,

M. N.

MONDAY



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nencies of his heart's desire, should be equally capable of receiving a lecture of philosophy, with a hardy ruffian of full age, who has been occasionally scourged thro' some of the great schools, groaned under constant rebuke and chastisement, and maintained a ten year war with literature, under very strict and rugged discipline.

I know the reader has pleased himself with an answer to this already, *viz.* That an attention to the particular abilities and designs of the pupil, cannot be expected from the trifling salary paid upon such account. The price indeed which is thought a sufficient reward, for any advantages a youth can receive from a man of learning, is an abominable consideration, the enlarging which, would not only increase the care of tutors, but would be a very great encouragement to such as designed to take this province upon them, to furnish themselves with a more general and extensive knowledge. As the case now stands, those of the first quality pay their tutors but little above half so much as they do their footmen: What morality, what history, what taste of the modern languages, what, lastly, that can make a man happy, or great, may not be expected in return for such an immense treasure! 'Tis monstrous indeed, that the men of the bell estates and families, are more solicitous about the tutelage of a favourite dog or horse, than of their heirs male. The next evil is the pedantical veneration that is maintained at the University for the Greek and Latin, which puts the youth upon such exercises as many of them are incapable of performing with any tolerable success. Upon this emergency they are succoured by the allowed wits of their respective colleges, who are always ready to befriend them with two or three hundred Latin or Greek words thrown together, with a very small proportion of sense.

But the most established error of our university education, is the general neglect of all the little qualifications and accomplishments which make up the character of a well-bred man, and the general attention to what is called deep learning. But as there are very few blessed with a genius, that shall force success by the strength

strength of itself alone, and few occasions or life that require the aid of such genius, the vast majority of the unblest souls ought to store themselves with such acquisitions, in which every man has capacity to make a considerable progress, and from which every common occasion of life may reap great advantage. The persons that may be useful to us in the making our fortunes, are such as are already happy in their own; I may proceed to say, that the men of figure and family are more superficial in their education than those of a less degree, and, of course, are ready to encourage and protect that qualification in another which they themselves are masters of. For their own application implies the pursuit of something commendable; and when they see their own characters proposed as imitable, they must be won by such an irresistible flattery. But those of the university, who are to make their fortunes by a ready insinuation into the favour of their superiors, condemn this necessary foppery so far, as not to be able to speak common sense to them, without hesitation, perplexity and confusion. For want of care in acquiring less accomplishments which adorn ordinary life, he that is so unhappy as to be born poor, is condemned to a method that will very probably keep him so.

I hope all the learned will forgive me what is said purely for their service, and tends to no other injury against them, than admonishing them not to overlook such little qualifications, as they every day see defeat their greater excellencies in the pursuit both of reputation and fortune.

If the youth of the university were to be advanced, according to their sufficiency in the severe progress of learning; or "riches could be secured to men of understanding, and favour to men of skill;" then indeed all studies were solemnly to be defied, that did not seriously pursue the main end: but since our merit is to be tried by the unskilful many, we must gratify the sense of the injudicious majority, satisfying ourselves that the shame of a trivial qualification sticks only upon him that prefers it to one more substantial. The more accomplishments a man is master of, the better is he prepared for a more extended acquaintance, and upon these conside-

rations without doubt, the author of the Italian book called *Il Cortegiano*, or *The Courtier*, makes throwing the bar, vaulting the horse, nay even wrestling, with several other as low qualifications, necessary for the man whom he figures for a perfect courtier; for this reason no doubt, because his end being to find grace in the eyes of men of all degrees, the means to pursue this end, was the furnishing him with such real and seeming excellencies as each degree had its particular taste of. But those of the University, instead of employing their leisure hours in the pursuit of such acquisitions as would shorten their way to better fortune, enjoy those moments at certain houses in the town, or repair to others at very pretty distances out of it, where “they drink and forget their poverty, and remember their misery no more.” Persons of this indigent education are apt to pass upon themselves and others for modest, especially in the point of behaviour; though ’tis easy to prove, that this mistaken modesty not only arises from ignorance, but begets the appearance of its opposite, pride. For he that is conscious of his own insufficiency to address his superiors without appearing ridiculous, is by that betrayed into the same neglect and indifference towards them, which may bear the construction of pride. From this habit they begin to argue against the base submissive application from men of letters to men of fortune, and be grieved when they see, as Ben Johnson says,

—The learned pate
Duck to the golden fool—

though these are points of necessity and convenience and to be esteemed submissions rather to the occasion than to the person. It was a fine answer of Diogenes who being asked in mockery, why philosophers were the followers of rich men, and not rich men of philosophers, replied, Because the one knew what they had need of, and the other did not. It certainly must be difficult to prove, that a man of business or a profession ought not to be what we call a gentleman, but yet very few of them are so. Upon this account they have little conversation with those who might do them most service, but upon such occasions only as application is made

ade to them in their particular calling; and for any thing they can do or say in such matters have their reward, and therefore rather receive than confer an obligation: whereas he that adds his being agreeable to his being serviceable, is constantly in a capacity of obliging others. The character of a beau is, I think, what some men that pretend to learning please themselves in ridiculing; and yet if we compare these persons as we see them in publick, we shall find that the lettered coxcombs without good-breeding give more just occasion of rally, than the unlettered coxcombs with it: as their behaviour falls within the judgment of more persons than our conversation, and a failure therefore more sensible. What pleasant victories over the loud, the uncivil, and the illiterate, would attend the men of learning and breeding, which qualifications could we but obtain, would beget such a confidence, as, arising from good sense and good nature, would never let us oppress others, or desert ourselves. In short, whether a man intends a course of business or pleasure, 'tis impossible to pursue either in an elegant manner, without the help of good-breeding. I shall conclude with the face at least of a regular discourse; and say, if it is our behaviour and address upon all common occasions that prejudice people to our favour or to our disadvantage, and the more substantial parts, as our learning and industry, cannot possibly appear but to few; it is not justifiable to spend much time, in that which so very few are judges of, and utterly neglect that which falls within the censure of so many.



95. TUESDAY, June 30.

—Aliena negotia centum— — HOR. Sat. 6. l. 2. v. 33.

A croud of petitioners.

CREECH.

Find business increase upon me very much, as will appear by the following letters.

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SIR,

S I R,

Oxford, June 24, 1713

THIS day Mr. Oliver Purville, Gent. property-
 man to the Theatre-Royal in the room of Mr.
 William Peer, deceased, arrived here in widow Bart-
 lett's waggon. He is an humble member of the
 little club, and a passionate man, which makes him
 tell the disasters which he met with on his road hi-
 ther, a little too incoherently to be rightly understood,
 By what I can gather from him, that within three
 miles of this side Wickham the party was set upon by
 highwaymen. Mr. Purville was supercargo to the
 great hamper in which were the following goods:
 The chains of Jasseir and Pierre; the crowns and
 sceptres of the posterity of Banquo; the bull, bear
 and horse of captain Otter; bones, skulls, pickaxes
 and a bottle of brandy, and five muskets; four-
 score pieces of stock-gold, and thirty pieces of tin-
 silver hid in a green purse within a skull. These
 the robbers, by being put up safe, supposed to be
 true, and rid off with, not forgetting to take Mr. Pur-
 ville's own current coin. They broke the armour
 of Jacomo, which was cased up in the same hamper,
 and one of them put on the said Jacomo's mask to
 escape. They also did several extravagancies with
 no other purpose but to do mischief; they broke a
 mace for the lord-mayor of London. They also
 destroyed the world, the sun and moon, which lay
 loose in the waggon. Mrs. Bartlett is frightened out
 of her wits, for Purville says he has her servant's
 receipt for the world, and expects she shall make it
 good. Purville is resolved to take no lodgings in
 town, but makes behind the scenes a bed-chamber
 of the hamper: his bed is that in which Desdemona
 is to die, and he uses the sheet (in which Mr. John-
 son is tied up in a comedy) for his own bed of
 nights. It is to be hoped the great ones will con-
 sider Mr. Purville's loss. One of the robbers has
 sent, by a country fellow, the stock-gold, and had
 the impudence to write the following letter to Mr.
 Purville.

S I R,

R,

' you had been an honest man, you would not have put bad money upon men who ventur'd their for it. But we shall see you when you come

Philip Scowrer.

There are many things in this matter which em- the ablest men here, as whether an action lie for the world among people who make the of words; or whether it be adviseable to call round ball the world, and if we do not call it fo, her we can have any remedy? The ablest law- ere says there is no help; for if you call it the d, it will be answered how could the world be ne shire, to wit, that of Buckingham; for the ty must be named, and if you do not name it hall certainly be nonsuited. I do not know whe- I make myself understood; but you understand. ight when you believe I am

Your most humble servant;

and faithful correspondent,

The PROMPTER.

oured S I R,

OUR character of Guardian makes it not only necessary, but becoming, to have several em- ed under you. And being myself ambitious of service, I am now your humble petitioner to be tted into a place I don't find yet disposed of—I that of your lion-catcher. It was, Sir, for want ch commission from your honour, very many have lately escaped. However, I made bold to ighish a couple. One I found in a coffee-house— was of the larger sort, looked fierce, and roared. I considered wherein he was dangerous; and dingly expressed my displeasure against him, in a manner upon his chaps, that now he is not to shew his teeth. The other was a small lion, was slipping by me as I stood at the corner of an

‘ alley—I smelt the creature presently, and catched at
 ‘ him, but he got off with the loss of a lock of hair
 ‘ only, which proved of a dark colour. This and the
 ‘ teeth abovementioned I have by me, and design them
 ‘ both for a present to Button’s coffee-house.

‘ Besides this way of dealing with them, I have
 ‘ invented many curious traps, snares, and artificial
 ‘ baits, which, it is humbly conceived, cannot fail of
 ‘ clearing the kingdom of the whole species in a short
 ‘ time.

‘ This is humbly submitted to your honour’s con-
 ‘ sideration; and I am ready to appear before your ho-
 ‘ nour, to answer to such questions as you, in your
 ‘ great wisdom, shall think meet to ask, whenever you
 ‘ please to command,

Your honour’s most obedient

humble servant,

Midsummer-Day.

HERCULES CRABTREE.

N. B. I have an excellent nose.

Tom’s coffee-house in Cornhill, June 19, 1713.

S I R,

‘ **R**EADING in your yesterday’s paper a letter
 ‘ from Daniel Button, in recommendation of his
 ‘ coffee-house for polite conversation and freedom
 ‘ from the argument by the button, I make bold to send
 ‘ you this to assure you, that at this place there is as yet
 ‘ kept up as good a *decorum* in the debates of politicks,
 ‘ trade, stocks, &c. as at Will’s, or at any other coffee-
 ‘ house at your end of the town. In order therefore to
 ‘ preserve this house from the arbitrary way of forcing
 ‘ an assent, by seizing on the collar, neckcloth, or
 ‘ any other part of the body or dress, it would be of
 ‘ signal service if you would be pleased to intimate, that
 ‘ we, who frequent this place after Exchange time, shall
 ‘ have the honour of seeing you here sometimes, for that
 ‘ would be a sufficient guard to us from all such petty
 ‘ practices, and also be a means of enabling the honest
 ‘ man, who keeps the house, to continue to serve us



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‘ people’s words without consideration. But my present business with thee is to expostulate with thee about a late paper occasioned, as thou say’st, by Jack Lizard’s information, (my very good friend) that we are to have a Publick Act.

‘ Now, I say, in that paper there is nothing contended for which any man of common-sense will deny: all that is there said, is, that no man or woman’s reputation ought to be blasted, i. e. no body ought to have an ill character who does not deserve it: very true; but here’s this false consequence insinuated, that therefore no body ought to hear of their faults; or in other words, let any body do as much ill as he pleases, he ought not to be told of it. Art thou a patriot, Mr. Ironside, and wilt thou affirm, that arbitrary proceedings and oppression ought to be concealed or justified? Art thou a gentleman, and wouldst thou have base, fordid, ignoble tricks connived at or tolerated? Art thou a scholar, and wouldst thou have learning and good-manners discouraged? Wouldst thou have cringing servility, parasitical shuffling, fawning, and dishonest compliances made the road to success? Art thou a christian, and wouldst thou have all villainies within the law practised with impunity? Should they not be told of it? ’Tis certain, there are many things which tho’ there are no laws against them, yet ought not to be done; and in such cases there is no argument so likely to hinder their being done, as the fear of publick shame for doing them. The two great reasons against an Act are always the saving of money, and hiding of roguery.

“ Here many things are omitted which will be in the speech of the Terræfilius.”

‘ And now, dear old I R O N, I am glad to hear that at these years thou hast galantry enough left to have thoughts of setting up for a knight-errant, a tamer of monsters, and a defender of distressed damsels.

‘ Adieu, old fellow, and let me give thee this advice at parting: e’en get thyself case-hardened; for tho’ the very best steel may snap, yet old iron you know will rust.

UMBRA.

‘ Be just, and publish this.’

Mr. IRONSIDE,

Oxford, Sat. 27, 1713.

THIS day arrived the vanguard of the theatrical army. Your friend, Mr. George Powel, commanded the artillery both celestial and terrestrial. The magazines of snow, lightning and thunder, are safely laid up. We have had no disaster on the way, but that of breaking Cupid's bow by a jolt of the waggon; but they tell us they make them very well in Oxford. We all went in a body, and were shown your chambers in Lincoln-College. The Terræfilius expects you down, and we of the theatre design to bring you into town with all our guards. Those of Alexander the Great, Julius Cæsar, and the faithful retinue of Cato, shall meet you at Shotover. The ghost of Hamlet, and the statue which supped with Don John, both say, that tho' it be at noon-day, they will attend your entry. Every body expects you with great impatience. We shall be in very good order when all are come down: We have sent to town for a brick-wall which we forgot. The sea is to come by water.

Your most humble servant,

and faithful correspondent,

The PROMPTER.



N^o 96. WEDNESDAY, July 1.

Cuncti adsint, meritæque expectent præmia palmæ.

VIRG. Æn. 5. v. 70.

Let all be present at the games prepar'd;
And joyful victors wait the just reward.

DRYDEN.

THERE is no maxim in politicks more indisputable, than that a nation should have many honours in reserve for those who do national services. This raises emulation, cherishes publick merit, and inspires every one with an ambition which promotes the good of his country. The less expensive these ho-

nours are to the publick, the more still do they turn to its advantage.

The Romans abounded with these little honorary rewards, that without conferring wealth or riches, gave only place and distinction to the person who received them. An oaken garland to be worn on festivals and publick ceremonies, was the glorious recompence of one who had covered a citizen in battle. A soldier would not only venture his life for a mural crown, but think the most hazardous enterprize sufficiently repaid by so noble a donation.

But among all honorary rewards which are neither dangerous nor detrimental to the donor, I remember none so remarkable as the titles which are bestowed by the emperor of China. These are never given to any subject, says Montieur le Conte, till the subject is dead. If he has pleased his emperor to the last, he is called in all publick memorials by the title which the emperor confers on him after his death, and his children take their ranks accordingly. This keeps the ambitious subject in a perpetual dependence, making him always vigilant and active, and in every thing conformable to the will of his sovereign.

There are no honorary rewards among us, which are more esteemed by the person who receives them, and are cheaper to the prince, than the giving of medals. But there is something in the modern manner of celebrating a great action in medals, which makes such a reward much less valuable than it was among the Romans. There is generally but one coin stamped on the occasion, which is made a present to the person who is celebrated on it: By this means his whole fame is in his own custody. The applause that is bestowed upon him is too much limited and confined. He is in possession of an honour which the world perhaps knows nothing of. He may be a great man in his own family; his wife and children may see the monument of an exploit, which the publick in a little time is a stranger to. The Romans took a quite different method in this particular. Their medals were their current money. When an action deserved to be recorded in coin, it was stamped perhaps upon an hundred thousand pieces of money like our shillings,

gs, or halfpence, which were issued out of the mint, and became current. This method published every nation to advantage, and in a short space of time read through the whole Roman empire. The Romans are so careful to preserve the memory of great events on their coins, that when any particular piece of money grew very scarce, it was often re-coined by a succeeding emperor, many years after the death of the emperor to whose honour it was first struck.

A friend of mine drew up a project of this kind during the late ministry, which would then have been put in execution had it not been too busy a time for thoughts of that nature. As this project has been very much talked of by the gentleman above-mentioned to men of the greatest genius, as well as quality, I am informed there is now a design on foot for executing the proposal which was then made, and that we shall have several shillings and half-pence charged on the reverse with any of the glorious particulars of her majesty's reign. This is one of those arts of peace which may very well deserve to be cultivated, and which may be of great use to posterity.

As I have in my possession the copy of the paper above-mentioned, which was delivered to the late lord treasurer, I shall here give the publick a sight of it. For I do not question, but that the curious part of my readers will be very much pleased to see so much matter and so many useful hints upon this subject laid together in so clear and concise a manner.

THE English have not been so careful as other polite nations to preserve the memory of their great actions, and events on medals. Their subjects are few, their mottos and devices mean, and the coins themselves not numerous enough to spread among the people, or descend to posterity.

The French have outdone us in these particulars, and by the establishment of a society for the invention of proper inscriptions and designs, have the whole history of their present king in a regular series of medals.

They have failed, as well as the English, in coining so small a number of each kind, and those of such costly

costly metals, that each species may be lost in a few ages and is at present no where to be met with but in the cabinets of the curious.

The ancient Romans took the only effectual method to disperse and preserve their medals, by making them their current money.

Every thing glorious or useful, as well in peace as war, gave occasion to a different coin. Not only an expedition, victory, or triumph, but the exercise of a solemn devotion, the remission of a duty or tax, a new temple, sea-port, or high-way, were transmitted to posterity after this manner.

The greatest variety of devices are on their copper money, which have most of the designs that are to be met with on the gold and silver, and several peculiar to that metal only. By this means they were dispersed into the remotest corners of the empire, came into the possession of the poor as well as rich, and were in danger of perishing in the hands of those that might have melted down coins of a more valuable metal.

Add to all this, that the designs were invented by men of genius, and executed by a decree of senate.

It is therefore proposed,

I. That the English farthings and half-pence be re-coined upon the union of the two nations.


II. That they bear devices and inscriptions alluding to all the most remarkable parts of her majesty's reign.

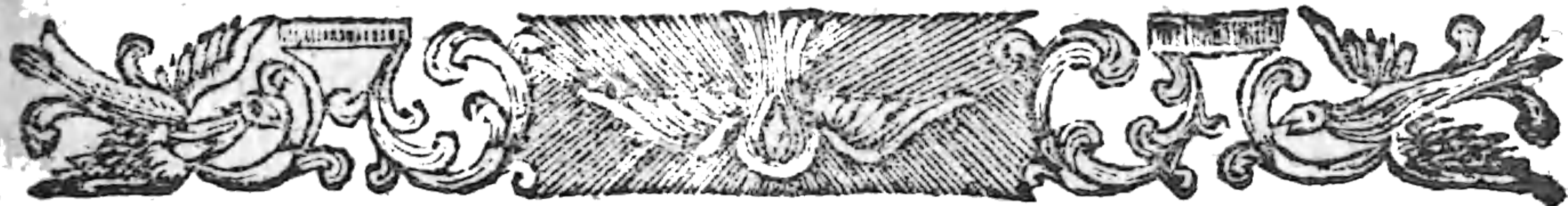
III. That there be a society established for the finding out of proper subjects, inscriptions, and devices.

IV. That no subject, inscription, or device be stamped without the approbation of this society, nor, if it be thought proper, without the authority of privy-council.

By this means, medals that are at present only lead treasure, or mere curiosities, will be of use in the ordinary commerce of life, and at the same time perpetuate the glories of her majesty's reign, reward the labours of her greatest subjects, keep alive in the people a gratitude for publick services, and excite the emulation of posterity. To these generous purposes nothing can so much contribute as medals of this kind

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which are of undoubted authority, of necessary use and observation, not perishable by time, nor confined to any certain place; properties not to be found in books, statues, pictures, buildings, or any other monuments of illustrious actions. 

N^o 97.

THURSDAY, July 2.

—Furor est post omnia perdere naulum.

JUV. Sat. 8. v. 97.

'Tis mad to lavish what their rapine left.

STEPNEY.

S I R,

I Was left a thousand pounds by an uncle; and being a man to my thinking very likely to get a rich widow, I laid aside all thoughts of making my fortune any other way, and without loss of time made my application to one who had buried her husband about a week before. By the help of some of her she-friends, who were my relations, I got into her company when she would see no man besides myself and her lawyer, who is a little, rivelled, spindle-shanked gentleman, and married to boot, so that I had no reason to fear him. Upon my first seeing her, she said in conversation within my hearing, that she thought a pale complexion the most agreeable either in man or woman: Now you must know, Sir, my face is as white as chalk. This gave me some encouragement; so that to mend the matter I bought a fine flaxen long wig that cost me thirty guineas, and found an opportunity of seeing her in it the next day. She then let drop some expressions about an agate snuff-box. I immediately took the hint, and bought one, being unwilling to omit any thing that might make me desirable in her eyes. I was betrayed after the same manner into a brocade wastecoa, a sword-knot, a pair of silver-fring'd gloves, and a diamond ring.

ring. But whether out of ficklenefs or a design upon
 me, I can't tell; but I found by her difcourfe, that
 what ſhe liked one day, ſhe diſliked another: So that
 in fix months ſpace I was forced to equip myſelf
 above a dozen times. As I told you before, I took
 her hints at a diſtance, for I could never find an op-
 portunity of talking with her directly to the point.
 All this time, however, I was allowed the utmoſt
 familiarities with her lap-dog, and have played with
 it above an hour together, without receiving the leaſt
 reprimand, and had many other marks of favour
 ſhown me, which I thought amounted to a promiſe.
 If ſhe chanced to drop her fan, ſhe received it from
 my hands with great civility. If ſhe wanted any
 thing, I reached it for her. I have filled her tea-po-
 t above an hundred times, and have afterwards receive
 a diſh of it from her own hands. Now, Sir, do you
 judge, if after ſuch encouragements ſhe was not oblig'd
 to marry me. I forgot to tell you that I kept a chair
 by the week, on purpoſe to carry me thither and back
 again. Not to trouble you with a long letter, in
 the ſpace of about a twelve-month I have run out
 my whole thouſand pound upon her, having laid out
 the laſt fifty in a new ſuit of clothes, in which I was
 reſolv'd to receive her final answer, which amounte
 to this, that ſhe was engag'd to another; that ſhe
 never dreamt I had any ſuch thing in my head
 marriage; and that ſhe thought I had frequented her
 houſe only becauſe I loved to be in company with
 my relations. This, you know, Sir, is uſing a man
 like a fool, and ſo I told her; but the worſt of it is
 that I have ſpent my fortune to no purpoſe. And
 therefore that I deſire of you is, to tell me whether
 upon exhibiting the ſeveral particulars which I have
 here related to you, I may not ſue her for damage
 in a court of juſtice. Your advice in this particular
 will very much oblige

Your moſt humble admirer,

SIMON SOFTLY

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Three porters whom I planted about her to watch her motions.

'The first who stood centry near her door.

The second who had his stand at the stables where her coach was put up.

The third who kept watch at the corner of the street where Ned Courtall lives, who has since married her.

Two additional porters planted over her during the whole month of May.

Five conjurers kept in pay all last winter.

Spy-money to John Trott her footman, and Mrs. Sarah Wheedle her companion.

A new Conningmark blade to fight Ned Courtall.

To Zelinda's woman (Mrs. Abigail) an Indian fan, a dozen pair of white kid gloves, a piece of Flanders lace and fifteen guineas in dry money.

Secret-service money to Betty at the Ring.

Ditto to Mrs. Tape the mantua-maker.

Loss of time.



N^o 98.

FRIDAY, July 3.

In sese redit-----

VIRG. Georg. 4. v. 44

He resumes himself.

THE first who undertook to instruct the world in single papers was Isaac Bickerstaff of famous memory: A man nearly related to the family of the IRONSIDES. We have often smoked a pipe together for I was so much in his books, that at his decease he left me a silver standish, a pair of spectacles, and the lamp by which he used to write his lucubrations.

The venerable Isaac was succeeded by a gentleman of the same family, very memorable for the shortness of his face and of his speeches. This ingenious author published his thoughts, and held his tongue with great applause, for two years together.

I NESTOR IRONSIDE, have now for some time undertaken to fill the place of these my two renowned forefathers and predecessors. For it is observed of every branch of our family, that we have all of us a wonderful inclination to give good advice, though it is remarked of some of us, that we are apt on this occasion rather to give than take.

However it be, I cannot but observe with some secret pride, that this way of writing diurnal papers has not succeeded for any space of time in the hands of any persons who are not of our line. I believe I speak without compass, when I affirm that above a hundred different authors have endeavoured after our family-way of writing, some of which have been writers in other kinds of the greatest eminence in the kingdom; but I do not know how it has happened, they have none of them hit upon the art. Their projects have always dropt after a few unsuccessful essays. It puts me in mind of a story which was lately told me by a pleasant friend of mine, who was as a very fine hand on the violin. His maid-servant seeing his instrument lying upon the table, and being sensible there was musick in it, if she knew how to fetch it out, drew the bow over every part of the strings, and at last told her master she had tried the fiddle all over, but could not for her heart find where about the tune lay.

But though the whole burden of such a paper is only fit to rest on the shoulders of a Bickerstaff or an Ironside; there are several who can acquit themselves of a single day's labour in it with suitable abilities. These are gentlemen whom I have often invited to this trial of wit, and who have several of them acquitted themselves to my private emolument; as well as to their own reputation. My paper among the republick of letters is the Ulysses his bow, in which every man of wit or learning may try his strength. One who does not care to write a book without being sure of his abilities, may see by this means if his parts and talents are to the publick taste.

This I take to be of great advantage to men of the best sense, who are always diffident of their private judgment, till it receives a sanction from the publick.

“ Provoco


“Provoco ad populūm,” I appeal to the people, was the usual saying of a very excellent dramattick poet, when he had any dispute with particular persons about the justice and regularity of his productions. It is but a melancholy comfort for an author to be satisfied that he has written up to the rules of art, when he finds he has no admirers in the world besides himself. Common modesty should, on this occasion, make a man suspect his own judgment, and that he misapplies the rules of his art, when he finds himself singular in the applause which he bestows upon his own writings.

The publick is always even with an author who has not a just deference for them. The contempt is reciprocal. I laugh at every one, said an old Cynick, who laughs at me. Do you so, replied the philosopher; then let me tell you, you live the merriest life of any man in Athens.

It is not therefore the least use of this my paper, that it gives a timorous writer, and such is every good one an opportunity of putting his abilities to the proof, and of founding the publick before he launches into it. For this reason I look upon my paper as a kind of nursery for authors, and question not but some, who have made a good figure here, will hereafter flourish under their own names in more long and elaborate works.

After having thus far enlarged upon this particular, I have one favour to beg of the candid and courteous reader, that when he meets with any thing in this paper which may appear a little dull and heavy (tho' I hope this will not be often) he will believe it is the work of some other person, and not of NESTOR IRONSIDE.

I have, I know not how, been drawn into tattle of myself, “more majorum,” almost the length of a whole Guardian; I shall therefore fill up the remaining part of it with what still relates to my own person, and my correspondents. Now I would have them all know, that on the twentieth instant it is my intention to erect a Lion's head in imitation of those I have described in Venice, through which all the private intelligence of that Commonwealth is said to pass. This head is to open a most wide and voracious mouth, which shall take in such letters and papers as are conveyed to me by my
correspon-

correspondents, it being my resolution to have a particular regard to all such matters as come to my hands through the mouth of the Lion. There will be under a box, of which the key will be kept in my own custody, to receive such papers as are dropped into it. Whatever the Lion swallows I shall digest for the use of the publick. This head requires some time to finish, the workman being resolved to give it several masterly touches, and to represent it as ravenous as possible. It will be set up in Button's coffee-house in Covent-Garden, who is directed to shew the way to the Lion's head, and to instruct any young author how to convey his works into the mouth of it with safety and secrecy. 



N^o 99. SATURDAY, July 4.

Justum & tenacem propositi virum,
 Non civium ardor prava jubentium,
 Non vultus instantis tyranni
 Mente quatit solidâ ; neque auster
 Dux inquieti turbidus Adriæ,
 Nec fulminantis magna Jovis manus :
 Si fractus illabatur orbis,
 Impavidum ferient ruinæ. HOR. Od. 3. l. 3. v. 1

P A R A P H R A S E D.

The man resolv'd and steady to his trust,
 Inflexible to ill, and obstinately just,
 May the rude rabble's insolence despise,
 Their senseless clamours, and tumultuous cries :
 The tyrant's fierceness he beguiles,
 And the stern brow, and the harsh voice defies,
 And with superior greatness smiles.

Not the rough whirlwind, that deforms
 Adria's black gulph, and vexes it with storms,
 The stubborn virtue of his soul can move ;
 Not the red arm of angry Jove,
 That flings the thunder from the sky,
 And gives it rage to roar, and strength to fly.

Shou'd the whole frame of nature round him break,
 In ruin and confusion hurl'd,
 He unconcern'd, would hear the mighty crack,
 And stand secure amidst a falling world. ANON

TH E R E is no virtue so truly great and godlike as justice. Most of the other virtues are the virtues of created beings, or accommodated to our nature as we are men. Justice is that which is practised by God himself, and to be practised in its perfection by none but him. Omniscience and omnipotence are requisite for the full exertion of it. The one to discover every degree

egree of uprightneſs or iniquity in thoughts, words and actions. The other, to meaſure out and impart ſuitable rewards and puniſhments.

As to be perfectly juſt is an attribute in the divine nature, to be ſo to the utmoſt of our abilities is the glory of a man. Such an one who has the publick adminiſtration in his hands, acts like the repreſentative of his Maker, in recompenſing the virtuous, and puniſhing the offender. By the extirpating of a criminal he averts the judgments of heaven, when ready to fall upon an impious people; or as my friend Cato expreſſes it much better in a ſentiment conformable to his character,

When by juſt vengeance impious mortals periſh,
The Gods behold their puniſhment with pleaſure,
And lay th'uplifted thunderbolt aſide.

When a nation once loſes its regard to juſtice; when they do not look upon it as ſomething venerable, holy and inviolable; when any of them dare preſume to offend, affront or terrify thoſe who have the diſtribution of it in their hands; when a judge is capable of being influenced by any thing but law, or a cauſe may be recommended by any thing that is foreign to its own merits, we may venture to pronounce that ſuch a nation haſtening to its ruin.

For this reaſon the beſt law that has ever paſſed in our days is that which continues our judges in their poſts during their good behaviour, without leaving them to the mercy of ſuch who in ill times might, by an undue influence over them, trouble and pervert the courſe of juſtice. I dare ſay the extraordinary perſon who is now poſted in the chief ſtation of the law, could have been the ſame had that act never paſſed; but it is a great ſatiſfaction to all honeſt men, that while we ſee the greateſt ornament of the profeſſion in its higheſt poſt, we are ſure he cannot hurt himſelf by that ſteddy, regular and impartial adminiſtration of juſtice, for which he is ſo univerſally celebrated by the whole Kingdom. Such men are to be reckon'd among the greateſt national bleſſings, and ſhould have that honour paid them whiſt they are yet living, which will not fail crown their memory when dead.

I always rejoice when I see a tribunal filled with a man of an upright and inflexible temper, who in the execution of his country's laws can overcome all private fear, resentment, solicitation, and even pity itself. Whatever passion enters into a sentence or decision, so far will there be in it a tincture of injustice. In short, justice discards party, friendship, kindred, and is therefore always represented as blind, that we may suppose her thoughts are wholly intent on the equity of a cause, without being diverted or prejudiced by objects foreign to it.

I shall conclude this paper with a Persian story, which is very suitable to my present subject. It will not a little please the reader, if he has the same taste of it which myself have.

As one of the sultans lay encamped on the plain of Avala, a certain great man of the army entered force into a peasant's house, and finding his wife very handsome, turned the good man out of his dwelling and went to bed to her. The peasant complained the next morning to the sultan, and desired redress; but was not able to point out the criminal. The emperor, who was very much incens'd at the injury done to the poor man, told him that probably the offender might give his wife another visit, and if he did, commanded him immediately to repair to his tent and acquaint him with it. Accordingly within two or three days the officer enter'd again the peasant's house, and turn'd the owner out of doors; who thereupon applied himself to the imperial tent, as he was ordered. The sultan went in person, with his guards, to the poor man's house, where he arrived about midnight. All the attendants carried each of them a flambeau in their hands, the sultan, after having order'd all the lights to be put out, gave the word to enter the house to find out the criminal, and put him to death. This was immediately executed, and the corps laid out upon the floor by the emperor's command. He then bade every one light his flambeau, and stand about the dead body. The sultan approaching it look'd about the face and immediately fell upon his knees in prayer. Upon his rising up, he ordered the peasant to set before him



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N^o 100. MONDAY, July 6.

Hoc vos præcipuè niveæ, decet, hoc ubi vidi,
Oscula ferre humero, quâ patet, usque libet.

OVID. *As Amator.* l. 3. v. 309.

If snowy-white your neck, you still should wear
That, and the shoulder of the left arm, bare:
Such sights ne'er fail to fire my am'rous heart,
And make me pant to kiss the naked part.

CONGREVE.

THERE is a certain female ornament by some called a tucker, and by others the neck-piece, being a slip of fine linen or mullin that used to run in a small kind of ruffle round the uppermost verge of the womens stays, and by that means covered a great part of the shoulders and bosom. Having thus given a definition, or rather description of the tucker, I must take notice that our ladies have of late thrown aside this fig-leaf, and exposed in its primitive nakedness that gentle swelling of the breast which it was used to conceal. What their design by it is, they themselves best know.

I observed this as I was sitting the other day by a famous she-visitant at my lady Lizard's, when accidentally as I was looking upon her face, letting my sight fall into her bosom, I was surprized with beauties which I never before discovered, and do not know where my eye would have run, if I had not immediately checked it. The lady herself could not forbear blushing, when she observed by my looks that she had made her neck too beautiful and glaring an object, even for a man of my character and gravity. I could scarce forbear making use of my hand to cover so unseemly a light.

If we survey the pictures of our great-grand-mothers in queen Elizabeth's time, we see them clothed down to the very wrists, and up to the very chin. The hands and face were the only samples they gave of their beautiful persons. The following age of females made larger discoveries of their complexion. They first
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of all tucked up their garments to the elbow, and notwithstanding the tenderness of the sex, were content, for the information of mankind, to expose their arms to the coldness of the air, and injuries of the weather. This artifice hath succeeded to their wishes, and betrayed many to their arms, who might have escaped them had they been still concealed.

About the same time the ladies considering that the neck was a very modest part in a human body, they freed it from those yokes, I mean those monstrous linen ruffs, in which the simplicity of their grand-mothers had inclosed it. In proportion as the age refined, the dress still sunk lower, so that when we now say a woman has a handsome neck, we reckon into it many of the adjacent parts. The disuse of the tucker has still enlarged it, insomuch that the neck of a fine woman at present takes in almost half the body.

Since the female neck thus grows upon us, and the ladies seem disposed to discover themselves to us more and more, I would fain have them tell us once for all how far they intend to go, and whether they have yet determined among themselves where to make a stop.

For my own part, their necks, as they call them, are no more than busts of alabaster in my eye. I can look upon


The yielding marble of a snowy breast,

with as much coldness as this line of Mr. Waller represents in the object itself. But my fair readers ought to consider that all their beholders are not NESTORS. Every man is not sufficiently qualified with age and philosophy to be an indifferent spectator of such allurements. The eyes of young men are curious and penetrating, their imaginations of a roving nature, and their passion under no discipline or restraint. I am in pain for a woman of rank, when I see her thus exposing herself to the regards of every impudent staring fellow. How can she expect that her quality can defend her, when she gives such provocation? I could not but observe last winter, that upon the disuse of the neck-piece (the ladies will pardon me, if it is not the

fashionable term of art) the whole tribe of ogles gave their eyes a new determination, and stared the fair sex in the neck rather than in the face. To prevent these saucy familiar glances, I would intreat my gentle readers to sew on their tuckers again, to retrieve the modesty of their characters, and not to imitate the nakedness but the innocence of their mother Eve.

What most troubles and indeed surprises me in this particular, I have observed that the leaders in this fashion were most of them married women. What their design can be in making themselves bare I cannot possibly imagine. No body exposes wares that are appropriated. When the bird is taken, the snare ought to be removed. It was a remarkable circumstance in the institution of the severe Lycurgus: As that great law-giver knew that the wealth and strength of a republic consisted in the multitude of citizens, he did all he could to encourage marriage: In order to it he prescribed a certain loose dress for the Spartan maids, in which there were several artificial rents and openings that upon their putting themselves in motion discovered several limbs of the body to the beholders. Such were the baits and temptations made use of, by that wise law-giver, to incline the young men of his age to marriage. But when the maid was once sped, she was not suffered to tantalize the male part of the commonwealth. Her garments were closed up, and stitched together with the greatest care imaginable. The shape of her limbs and complexion of her body had gained their ends, and were ever after to be concealed from the notice of the publick.

I shall conclude this discourse of the tucker with a moral which I have taught upon all occasions, and shall still continue to inculcate into my female readers, namely, that nothing bestows so much beauty on a woman as modesty. This is a maxim laid down by Orpheus himself, the greatest master in the art of love. He observes upon it, that Venus pleases most when she appears (*femi-reducta*) in a figure withdrawing herself from the eye of the beholder. It is very probable he had in view the statue which we see in the Venus de Medici.

ere she is represented in such a shy retiring posture, and covers her bosom with one of her hands. In short, destiny gives the maid greater beauty than even the bloom of youth, it bestows on the wife the dignity of a matron, and reinstates the widow in her virginity. 



° 101. TUESDAY, July 7.

Tros Tyriusve mihi nullo discrimine habetur.

VIRG. ÆN. 1. v. 578.

Trojan and Tyrian differ but in name;
Both to my favour have an equal claim.

THIS being the great day of Thanksgiving for the Peace, I shall present my reader with a couple of letters that are the fruits of it. They are written by a gentleman who has taken this opportunity to see France, and has given his friends in England a general account of what he has there met with, in several epistles. Those which follow were put into my hands with liberty to make them publick, and I question not but my reader will think himself obliged to me for so doing.

S I R,

SINCE I had the happiness to see you last, I have encountered as many misfortunes as a knight errant. I had a fall into the water at Calais, and since that several bruises upon the land, lame post-horses by day, and hard beds at night, with many other dismal adventures,

Quorum animus meminisse horret luctuque refugit.

VIRG. ÆN. 2. v. 12.

At which my memory with grief recoils.

My arrival at Paris was at first no less uncomfortable, where I could not see a face nor hear a word that I ever met with before; so that my most agreeable

‘ companions have been statues and pictures, which are
 ‘ many of them very extraordinary ; but what particular
 ‘ ly recommends them to me is, that they do not speak
 ‘ French, and have a very good quality, rarely to be met
 ‘ with in this country, of not being too talkative.

‘ I am settled for some time at Paris. Since my be-
 ‘ ing here I have made the tour of all the king’s pa-
 ‘ ces, which has been I think the pleasantest part of my
 ‘ life. I could not believe it was in the power of art
 ‘ to furnish out such a multitude of noble scenes as I
 ‘ there met with, or that so many delightful prospects
 ‘ could lie within the compass of a man’s imagination.
 ‘ There is every thing done that can be expected from
 ‘ a prince who removes mountains, turns the course of
 ‘ rivers, raises woods in a day’s time, and plants a
 ‘ village or town on such a particular spot of ground
 ‘ only for the bettering of a view. One would wonder
 ‘ to see how many tricks he has made the water play
 ‘ for his diversion. It turns itself into pyramids, trium-
 ‘ phal arches, glass bottles, imitates a fire-work, rises in
 ‘ a mist, or tells a story out of Æsop.

‘ I do not believe, as good a poet as you are, that
 ‘ you can make finer landships than those about the
 ‘ king’s houses, or with all your descriptions raise a
 ‘ more magnificent palace than Versailles. I am how-
 ‘ ever so singular as to prefer Fontaine-bleau to all the
 ‘ rest. It is situated among rocks and woods, that give
 ‘ you a fine variety of salvage prospects. The king
 ‘ has humoured the genius of the place, and only made
 ‘ use of so much art as is necessary to help and regulate
 ‘ nature, without reforming her too much. The cas-
 ‘ cades seem to break through the clefts and cracks of
 ‘ rocks that are covered over with moss, and look as if
 ‘ they were piled upon one another by accident. There
 ‘ is an articial wildness in the meadows, walks, and
 ‘ canals ; and the garden, instead of a wall, is fenced
 ‘ on the lower end by a natural mound of rock-work
 ‘ that strikes the eye very agreeably. For my part, I
 ‘ think there is something more charming in these rude
 ‘ heaps of stone than in so many statues, and would
 ‘ as soon see a river winding through woods and mea-
 ‘ dows, as when it is tossed up in so many whimsical

‘ figures

figures at Versailles. To pass from works of nature to those of art. In my opinion, the pleasantest part of Versailles is the gallery. Every one sees on each side of it something that will be sure to please him. For one of them commands a view of the finest garden in the world, and the other is wainscotted with looking-glasses. The history of the present king 'till the year 16 is painted on the roof by le Brun, so that his majesty has actions enough by him to furnish another gallery much longer than the present.

‘ The painter has represented his most christian majesty under the figure of Jupiter, throwing thunderbolts all about the ceiling, and striking terror into the Danube and Rhine, that lie astonished and blasted with lightning a little above the cornice. .

‘ But what makes all these shows the more agreeable, the great kindness and affability that is shown to strangers. If the French do not excel the English in all the arts of humanity, they do at least in the outward expressions of it. And upon this, as well as other accounts, though I believe the English are a much wiser nation, the French are undoubtedly much more happy. Their old men in particular are, I believe, the most agreeable in the world. An antediluvian could not have more life and briskness in him at threescore and ten: For that fire and levity which makes the young ones scarce conversible, when a little wasted and tempered by years, makes a very pleasant and gay old age. Besides, this national fault of being so very talkative looks natural and graceful in one that has grey hairs to countenance it. The mentioning this fault in the French must put me in mind to finish my letter, lest you think me already too much infected by their conversation; but I must desire you to consider, that travelling does in this respect lay a little claim to the privilege of old age.

I am, SIR, &c.

S I R,

Blois, May 15, N S

I Cannot pretend to trouble you with any news from this place, where the only advantage I have, besides getting the language, is, to see the manners and tempers of the people, which I believe may be better learnt here than in courts and greater cities, where artifice and disguise are more in fashion.

I have already seen, as I informed you in my last, all the king's palaces, and have now seen a great part of the country. I never thought there had been in the world such an excessive magnificence or poverty as I have met with in both together. One can scarce conceive the pomp that appears in every thing about the king; but at the same time it makes half his subjects go barefoot. The people are, however, the happiest in the world, and enjoy, from the benefit of their climate and natural constitution, such a perpetual gladness of heart and easiness of temper as ever liberty and plenty cannot bestow on those of other nations. It is not in the power of want or slavery to make them miserable. There is nothing to be met with in the country, but mirth and poverty. Every one sings, laughs and starves. Their conversation is generally agreeable; for if they have any wit or sense, they are sure to show it. They never mence upon a second meeting, but use all the freedom and familiarity at first sight, that a long intimacy or abundance of wine can scarce draw from an Englishman. Their women are perfect mistresses in this art of showing themselves to the best advantage. They are always gay and sprightly, and set off the worst faces in Europe with the best airs. Every one knows how to give herself as charming a look and posture as Sir Godfrey Kneller could draw her in. I cannot end my letter without observing that from what I have already seen of the world, I cannot but set a particular mark of distinction upon those who abound most in the virtues of their nation, and least with its imperfections. When therefore I see the good sense of an Englishman in its highest perfection without any mixture of the spleen, I hope you will

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him, the deformity was removed into the other shoulder. Upon which the taylor begged pardon for the mistake and mended it as fast as he could, but upon a third trial found him a straight-shouldered man as one would desire to see, but a little unfortunate in a humped back. In short, this wandering tumour puzzled all the workmen about town, who found it impossible to accommodate so changeable a customer. My reader will apply this to any one who would adapt a suit to a season of our English climate.

After this short descant on the uncertainty of our English weather, I come to my moral.

A man should take care that his body be not too soft for his climate; but rather, if possible, harden and season himself beyond the degree of cold wherein he lives. Daily experience teaches us how we may inure ourselves by custom to bear the extremities of weather without injury. The inhabitants of Nova Zembla go naked, without complaining of the bleakness of the air in which they are born, as the armies of the northern nations keep the field all winter. The softest of our British ladies expose their arms and necks to the open air, which the men could not do without catching cold, for want of being accustomed to it. The whole body by the same means might contract the same firmness and temper. The Scythian that was asked how it was possible for the inhabitants of his frozen climate to go naked, replied, "Because we are all over face." Mr. Locke advises parents to have their children's feet wash'd every morning in cold water, which might probably prolong multitudes of lives.

I verily believe a cold bath would be one of the most healthful exercises in the world, were it made use of in the education of youth. It would make their bodies more than proof to the injuries of the air and weather. It would be something like what the poets tell us of Achilles, whom his mother is said to have dipped, when he was a child, in the river Styx. The story adds, that this made him invulnerable all over, excepting that part which his mother held in her hand during this immersion, and which by that means
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lost the benefit of these hardening waters. Our common practice runs in a quite contrary method. We are perpetually softening ourselves by good fires and warm clothes. The air within our rooms has generally two or three degrees more of heat in it than the air without doors.

Crassus is an old lethargick valetudinarian. For these twenty years last past he has been clothed in frize of the same colour and of the same piece. He fancies he should catch his death in any other kind of manufacture; and though his avarice would incline him to wear it till it was threadbare, he dares not do it lest he should take cold when the nap is off. He could no more live without his size-coat than without his skin. It is not indeed so properly his coat as what the anatomists call one of the Integuments of the body.

How different an old man is Crassus from myself? It is indeed the particular distinction of the Ironsides to be robust and hardy, to defy the cold and rain, and let the weather do its worst. My father lived till a hundred without a cough; and we have a tradition in the family, that my grandfather used to throw off his hat and go open-breasted after fourscore. As for myself, they used to sowse me over head and ears in water when I was a boy, so that I am now looked upon as one of the most case-harden'd of the whole family of the Ironsides. In short, I have been so plunged in water and inured to the cold, that I regard myself as a piece of true-tempered *Steel*, and can say with the above-mentioned Scythian, that I am face, or if my enemies please, forehead, all over.





N^o 103. THURSDAY, July 9.

Dum flammæ Jovis, & sonitus imitatur olympi.

VIRG. ÆN. 6. v. 586.

With mimic thunder impiously he plays,
And darts the artificial lightning's blaze.

I Am considering how most of the great phænomena or appearances in nature, have been imitated by the art of man. Thunder is grown a common drug among the chymists. Lightning may be bought by the pound. If a man has occasion for a lambent flame, you have whole sheets of it in a handful of phosphor. Showers of rain are to be met with in every water-work; and we are informed, that some years ago the virtuosos of France covered a little vault with artificial snow, which they made to fall above an hour together for the entertainment of his present majesty.

I am led into this train of thinking by the noble fire-work that was exhibited last night upon the Thames. You might there see a little sky filled with innumerable blazing stars and meteors. Nothing could be more astonishing than the pillars of flame, clouds of smoke, and multitudes of stars mingled together in such an agreeable confusion. Every rocket ended in a constellation, and strow'd the air with such a shower of silver spangles, as opened and enlightened the whole scene from time to time. It put me in mind of the lines in *OEdipus*,

Why from the bleeding womb of monstrous night
Burst forth such myriads of abortive stars?

In short, the artist did his part to admiration, and was so encompassed with fire and smoke, that one would have thought nothing but a salamander could have been safe in such a situation.

I was

was in company with two or three fanciful friends
ing this whole show. One of them being a critick;
is, a man who on all occasions is more attentive to
at is wanting than what is present, begun to exert his
nt upon the several objects we had before us. I am
ghtily pleased, says he, with that burning cypher.
ere is no matter in the world so proper to write with
wild-fire, as no characters can be more legible than
se which are read by their own light. But as for
r cardinal virtues, I don't care for seeing them in
h combustible figures. Who can imagine Chastity
h a body of fire, or Temperance in a flame? Justice
eed may be furnished out of this element as far as her
rd goes, and Courage may be all over one continued
ze, if the artist pleases.

Our companion observing that we laughed at this un-
sonable severity, let drop the critick, and proposed
object for a fire-work, which he thought would be
y. amusing, if executed by so able an artist as he who
s at that time entertaining us. The plan he men-
ied was a scene in Milton. He would have a large
ce of machinery represent the Pan-dæmonium, where

————— from the arched roof
Pendent by subtle magic, many a row
Of starry lamps, and blazing cressets, fed
With Naptha and Asphaltus, yielded light
As from a sky—————


is might be finely represented by several illuminations
posed in a great frame of wood, with ten thousand
autiful exhalations of fire, which men versed in this
know very well how to raise. The evil spirits at
e same time might very properly appear in vehicles of
ne, and employ all the tricks of art to terrify and
prise the spectator.

We were well enough pleased with this start of
ought, but fancied there was something in it too seri-
s, and perhaps too horrid, to be put in execution.

Upon this a friend of mine gave us an account of
fire-work described, if I am not mistaken, by Strada.
prince of Italy, it seems, entertained his mistress with
upon a great lake. In the midst of this lake was a
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huge floating mountain made by art. The mountain represented *Ætna*, being bored through the top with a monstrous orifice. Upon a signal given the eruption began. Fire and smoke, mixed with several unusual prodigies and figures, made their appearance for some time. On a sudden there was heard a most dreadful rumbling noise within the entrails of the machine. After which the mountain burst, and discovered a vast cavity in that side which faced the prince and his court. Within this hollow was *Vulcan's* shop full of fire and clock-work. A column of blue flame issued out incessantly from the forge. *Vulcan* was employed in hammering out thunder-bolts, that every now and then flew up from the anvil with dreadful cracks and flashes. *Venus* stood by him in a figure of the brightest fire with numberless cupids on all sides of her, that shot out volleys of burning arrows. Before her was an altar with hearts of fire flaming on it. I have forgot several other particulars no less curious, and have only mentioned these to shew that there may be a sort of fable or design in a fire-work which may give an additional beauty to those surprising objects.

I seldom see any thing that raises wonder in me which does not give my thoughts a turn that makes my heart the better for it. As I was lying in my bed, and ruminating on what I had seen, I could not forbear reflecting on the insignificancy of human art, when set in comparison with the designs of providence. In the pursuit of this thought I considered a comet, or, in the language of the vulgar, a blazing-star, or a sky-rocke discharged by an hand that is almighty. Many of my readers saw that in the year 1680, and if they are not mathematicians, will be amazed to hear that it travelled in a much greater degree of swiftness than a cannon ball, and drew after it a tail of fire that was fourscore millions of miles in length. What an amazing thought is it to consider this stupendous body traversing the immensity of the creation with such a rapidity, and at the same time wheeling about in that line which the Almighty has prescribed for it? that it should move in such inconceivable fury and combustion, and at the same time with such an exact regularity? How spacious
must

must the universe be that gives such bodies as these their full play, without suffering the least disorder or confusion by it! What a glorious show are those beings entertained with, that can look into this great theatre of nature, and see myriads of such tremendous objects wandering through those immeasurable depths of Ether, and running their appointed courses? Our eyes may hereafter be strong enough to command this magnificent prospect, and our understandings able to find out the several uses of these great parts of the universe. In the mean time they are very proper objects for our imaginations to contemplate, that we may form more exalted notions of infinite wisdom and power, and learn to think humbly of ourselves, and of all the little works of human invention. 

N^o 104.

FRIDAY, July 10.

Quæ è longinquo magis placent.

TACIT.

The farther fetch'd, the more they please:

ON Tuesday last I published two letters written by a gentleman in his travels. As they were applauded by my best readers, I shall this day publish two more from the same hand. The first of them contains a matter of fact which is very curious, and may deserve the attention of those who are versed in our British antiquities.

S I R,

Blois, May 15, N. S.

BECAUSE I am at present out of the road of news, I shall send you a story that was lately given me by a gentleman of this country, who is descended from one of the persons concerned in the relation, and very inquisitive to know if there be any of the family now in England.

I shall only premise to it, that this story is preserved with great care among the writings of this gentleman's

‘ man’s family, and that it has been given to two or
‘ three of our English nobility, when they were in these
‘ parts, who could not return any satisfactory answer
‘ to the gentleman, whether there be any of that fa-
‘ mily now remaining in Great-Britain.

‘ In the reign of king John there lived a nobleman
‘ called John de Sigonia, lord of that place in Touraine,
‘ his brothers were Philip and Briant. Briant, when
‘ very young, was made one of the French king’s pages
‘ and served him in that quality when he was taken pri-
‘ soner by the English. The king of England chanced
‘ to see the youth, and being much pleased with his
‘ person and behaviour, begged him of the king, his
‘ prisoner. It happened, some years after this, that
‘ John the other brother, who, in the course of the war
‘ had raised himself to a considerable post in the French
‘ army, was taken prisoner by Briant, who at that
‘ time was an officer in the king of England’s guards.
‘ Briant knew nothing of his brother, and being natu-
‘ rally of an haughty temper, treated him very inso-
‘ lently, and more like a criminal than a prisoner of
‘ war. This John resented so highly, that he chal-
‘ lenged him to a single combat. The challenge was
‘ accepted, and time and place assigned them by the
‘ king’s appointment. Both appeared on the day pre-
‘ fixed, and entered the lists compleatly armed amidst
‘ great multitude of spectators. Their first encounter
‘ were very furious, and the success equal on both sides
‘ till after some toil and bloodshed they were parted by
‘ their seconds to fetch breath, and prepare themselves
‘ afresh for the combat. Briant, in the mean time
‘ had cast his eye upon his brother’s escutcheon, which
‘ he saw agree in all points with his own. I need not
‘ tell you after this, with what joy and surprize the sto-
‘ ry ends. King Edward, who knew all the particu-
‘ lars of it, as a mark of his esteem, gave to each
‘ them, by the king of France’s consent, the following
‘ coat of arms, which I will send you in the original
‘ language, not being herald enough to blazon it
‘ English.



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' in it that does not bring to mind a piece of a ga
 ' zette, nor see a man that has not signalized himse
 ' in a battle. One would fancy one's self to be in th
 ' enchanted palaces of a romance; one meets with
 ' many heroes, and finds something so like scenes o
 ' magick in the gardens, statues, and water-works
 ' I am ashamed that I am not able to make a quicke
 ' progress through the French tongue, because I be
 ' lieve it is impossible for a learner of a language t
 ' find in any nation such advantages as in this, where
 ' every body is so very courteous and so very talkative
 ' They always take care to make a noise as long a
 ' they are in company, and are as loud any hour in
 ' the morning, as our own countrymen at midnight
 ' By what I have seen, there is more mirth in the French
 ' conversation, and more wit in the English. You
 ' abound more in jeits, but they in laughter. Their
 ' language is indeed extremely proper to tattle in, i
 ' is made up of so much repetition and compliment
 ' One may know a foreigner by his answering only No
 ' or Yes to a question, which a Frenchman generally
 ' makes a sentence of. They have a set of ceremonious
 ' phrases that run thro' all ranks and degrees among
 ' them. Nothing is more common than to hear a shop-
 ' keeper desiring his neighbour to have the goodnes
 ' to tell him what it is o'clock, or a couple of coblers
 ' that are extremely glad of the honour of seeing one
 ' another.

' The face of the whole country where I now am
 ' is at this season pleasant beyond imagination. I can
 ' not but fancy the birds of this place, as well as the
 ' men, a great deal merrier than those of our own ra
 ' tion. I am sure the French year has got the start o
 ' ours more in the works of nature than in the new
 ' stile. I have past one March in my life without be
 ' ing ruffled with the winds, and one April without being
 ' washed with rains.

I am, Sir, Yours.





N^o 105. SATURDAY, July 11.

Quod neque in Armeniis tigres fecere latebris :

Perdere nec foetus ausa Læna suos.

At teneræ faciunt, sed non impunè, puellæ ;

Sæpe, suos uterò quæ necat, ipsa perit.

OVID. Amor. l. 2. Eleg. 14. v. 35.

The tigresses, that haunt th' Armenian wood,
 Will spare their proper young, tho' pinch'd for food ;
 Nor will the Lybian lionesses slay
 Their whelps : but women are more fierce than they,
 More barbarous to the tender fruit they bear ;
 Nor nature's call, tho' loud she cries, will hear.
 But righteous vengeance oft their crimes pursues,
 And they are lost themselves, who would their children
 lose. ANON.

THÉRE was no part of the show on the Thanksgiving Day that so much pleased and affected me as the little boys and girls who were ranged with so much order and decency in that part of the Strand which reaches from the May-pole to Exeter-Change. Such a numerous and innocent multitude, clothed in the charity of their benefactors, was a spectacle pleasing both to God and man, and a more beautiful expression of joy and thanksgiving than could have been exhibited by all the pomps of a Roman triumph. Never did a more full and unspotted chorus of human creatures join together in a hymn of devotion. The care and tenderness which appeared in the looks of their several instructors, who were disposed among this little helpless people, could not forbear touching every heart that had any sentiments of humanity.

I am very sorry that her majesty did not see this assembly of objects, so proper to excite that charity and compassion which she bears to all who stand in need of it, tho' at the same time I question not but her royal bounty

will extend itself to them. A charity bestowed on the education of so many of her young subjects, has more merit in it than a thousand pensions to those of a high fortune who are in greater stations in life.

I have always looked on this institution of charity schools, which, of late years, has so universally prevailed through the whole nation, as the glory of the age we live in, and the most proper means that can be made use of to recover it out of its present degeneracy and depravation of manners. It seems to promise us an honest and virtuous posterity: There will be few in the next generation who will not at least be able to write and read, and have not had an early tincture of religion. It is therefore to be hoped that the several persons of wealth and quality, who made their profession thro' the members of these new-erected seminaries, will not regard them only as an empty spectacle or the materials of a fine show, but contribute to their maintenance and increase. For my part, I can scarcely forbear looking on the astonishing victories our arms have been crowned with, to be in some measure the blessings returned upon that national charity which has been so conspicuous of late, and that the great success of the last war, for which we lately offered up our thanks, were in some measure occasioned by the several objects which then stood before us.

Since I am upon this subject, I shall mention a piece of charity which has not been yet exerted among us, and which deserves our attention the more, because it is practised by most of the nations about us. I mean a provision for foundlings, or for those children who through want of such a provision are exposed to the barbarity of cruel and unnatural parents. One does not know how to speak on such a subject without horror. But what multitudes of infants have been made away by those who brought them into the world, and were afterwards either ashamed or unable to provide for them.

There is scarce an assizes where some unhappy wretch is not executed for the murder of a child. And how many more of these monsters of inhumanity may we suppose to be wholly undiscovered, or cleared by want of legal evidence? Not to mention those, who

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natural practices do in some measure defeat the intentions of providence, and destroy their conceptions even before they see the light. In all these the guilt is equal, but the punishment is not so. But to pass by the greatness of the crime, (which is not to be expressed by words) if we only consider it as it robs the commonwealth of its full number of citizens, it certainly deserves the utmost application and wisdom of a people to prevent it.

It is certain, that which generally betrays these prodigal women into it, and overcomes the tenderness which is natural to them on other occasions, is the fear of shame, or their inability to support those whom they owe life to. I shall therefore shew how this evil is prevented in other countries, as I have learned from those who have been conversant in the several great cities of Europe.

There are at Paris, Madrid, Lisbon, Rome, and any other large towns, great hospitals built like our almshouses. In the walls of these hospitals are placed machines, in the shape of large lanterns, with a little window in the side of them turned towards the street, and a bell hanging by them. The child is deposited in this lantern, which is immediately turned about into the side of the hospital. The person who conveys the child, rings the bell and leaves it there, upon which the proper officer comes and receives it without making further inquiries. The parent or her friend, who lays the child there, generally leaves a note with it, declaring whether it be yet christened, the name it should be called by, the particular marks upon it, and the like.

It often happens that the parent leaves a note for the maintenance and education of the child, or takes it out after it has been some years in the hospital. Nay, it has been known that the father has afterwards owned the young foundling for his son, or left his estate to him. This is certain, that many are by this means preserved, and do signal services to their country, who without such a provision might have perished as portives, or have come to an untimely end, and perhaps have brought upon their guilty parents the like destruction.

This I think is a subject that deserves our most serious consideration, for which reason I hope I shall not be thought impertinent in laying it before my readers.



N^o 106. MONDAY, July 13.

Quod latet arcanâ, non Enarrabile, sibi â.

PERS. Sat. 5. v. 29.

The deep recesses of the human breast.

AS I was making up my Monday's provision for the publick, I received the following letter, which being a better entertainment than any I can furnish out myself, I shall set it before the reader, and desire him to fall on without farther ceremony.

S I R,

YOUR two kinsmen and predecessors of immortal memory, were very famous for their dreams and visions, and contrary to all other authors never pleased their readers more than when they were nodding. Now it is observed, that the *Second-sight* generally runs in the blood; and, Sir, we are in hopes that you yourself, like the rest of your family, may at length prove a dreamer of dreams, and a seer of visions. In the mean while I beg leave to make you a present of a dream, which may serve to lull your readers till such time as you yourself shall think fit to gratify the publick with any of your nocturnal discoveries.

You must understand, Sir, I had yesterday been reading and ruminating upon that passage where *Momus* is said to have found fault with the make of a man, because he had not a window in his breast. The moral of this story is very obvious, and means no more than that the heart of man is so full of wiles and artifices, treachery and deceit, that there is no guessing at what he is from his speeches and outward appear-

appearances. I was immediately reflecting how happy each of the sexes would be, if there was a window in the breast of every one that makes or receives love. What protestations and perjuries would be saved on the one side, what hypocrisy and dissimulation on the other? I am myself very far gone in this passion for Aurelia, a woman of an unsearchable heart. I would give the world to know the secrets of it, and particularly whether I am really in her good graces, or if not, who is the happy person.

I fell asleep in this agreeable reverie, when on a sudden methought Aurelia lay by my side. I was placed by her in the posture of Milton's Adam, and "with looks of cordial love hung over her enamour'd." As I cast my eye upon her bosom, it appeared to be all of crystal, and so wonderfully transparent, that I saw every thought in her heart. The first images I discovered in it were fans, silk, ribbands, laces, and many other gewgaws, which lay so thick together, that the whole heart was nothing else but a toyshop. These all faded away and vanished, when immediately I discerned a long train of coaches and fix equipages and liveries that ran through the heart one after another in a very great hurry for above half an hour together. After this, looking very attentively, I observed the whole space to be filled with a hand of cards, in which I could see distinctly three mattadors. There then followed a quick succession of different scenes. A play-house, a church, a court, a puppet-show, rose up one after another, till at last they all of them gave place to a pair of new shoes, which kept footing in the heart so driven off at last by a lap-dog, who was succeeded by a Guinea pig, a squirrel and a monkey. I myself, to my no small joy, brought up the rear of these worthy favourites. I was ravished at being so happily posted and in full possession of the heart: But as I saw the little figure of myself simpering and mightily pleased with its situation, on a sudden the heart methought gave a sigh, in which, as I found afterwards, my little representative vanished; for upon applying my eye, I found my place taken up by an ill-bred, awkward

‘ puppy, with a money-bag under each arm. This gen-
 ‘ tleman, however, did not keep his station long, before
 ‘ he yielded it up to a wight as disagreeable as himself
 ‘ with a white stick in his hand. These three last fi-
 ‘ gures represented to me in a lively manner the con-
 ‘ flicts in Aurelia’s heart between love, avarice and amb-
 ‘ tion, for we jostled one another out by turns, and dis-
 ‘ puted the post for a great while. But at last, to my un-
 ‘ speakable satisfaction, I saw myself entirely settled in it.
 ‘ I was so transported with my success, that I could not
 ‘ forbear hugging my dear piece of crystal, when to
 ‘ my unspeakable mortification I awaked, and found
 ‘ my mistress metamorphosed into a pillow.

‘ This is not the first time I have been thus disap-
 ‘ pointed.

‘ O venerable NESTOR, if you have any skill in
 ‘ dreams, let me know whether I have the same place
 ‘ in the real heart, that I had in the visionary one: (T
 ‘ tell you truly, I am perplexed to death between hope
 ‘ and fear. I was very sanguine till eleven o’clock
 ‘ this morning, when I overheard an unlucky old wo-
 ‘ man telling her neighbour that dreams always went
 ‘ by contraries. I did not indeed before much like the
 ‘ crystal heart, remembering that confounded simile
 ‘ Valentinian, of a maid “as cold as crystal never to be
 ‘ thaw’d.” Besides, I verily believe if I had slept a little
 ‘ longer, that awkward whelp with his money-bags would
 ‘ certainly have made his second entrance. If you can te-
 ‘ the fair one’s mind, it will be no small proof of your
 ‘ art, for I dare say it is more than she herself can do.
 ‘ Every sentence she speaks is a riddle; all that I can
 ‘ be certain of is that I am her and

Your humble Servant,

PETER PUZZLE



TUESDAY



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S I R,

‘ **A** Man of your reading knows very well that there
 ‘ were a set of men in old Rome, called by the
 ‘ name of Nomenclators, that is in English, men who
 ‘ call every one by his name. When a great man
 ‘ stood for any publick office, as that of a tribune, a
 ‘ consul, or a censor, he had always one of these No-
 ‘ menclators at his elbow, who whispered in his ear the
 ‘ name of every one he met with, and by that means
 ‘ enabled him to salute every Roman citizen by his name
 ‘ when he asked him for his vote. To come to my pur-
 ‘ pose : I have with much pains and assiduity qualified
 ‘ myself for a Nomenclator to this great city, and shall
 ‘ gladly enter upon my office as soon as I meet with suit-
 ‘ able encouragement. I will let myself cut by the
 ‘ week to any curious country gentleman or foreigner.
 ‘ If he takes me with him in a coach to the ring, I
 ‘ will undertake to teach him, in two or three evenings,
 ‘ the names of the most celebrated persons who frequent
 ‘ that place. If he plants me by his side in the pit, I
 ‘ will call over to him, in the same manner, the whole
 ‘ circle of beauties that are disposed among the boxes,
 ‘ and at the same time point out to him the persons who
 ‘ ogle them from their respective stations. I need not
 ‘ tell you that I may be of the same use in any other
 ‘ publick assembly. Nor do I only profess the teaching
 ‘ of names, but of things. Upon the sight of a reigning
 ‘ beauty, I shall mention her admirers, and discover her
 ‘ gallantries, if they are of publick notoriety. I shall
 ‘ likewise mark out every toast, the club in which she
 ‘ was elected, and the number of votes that were on her
 ‘ side. Not a woman shall be unexplained that makes
 ‘ a figure either as a maid, a wife, or a widow. The
 ‘ men too shall be set out in their distinguishing charac-
 ‘ ters, and declared whose properties they are. Their
 ‘ wit, wealth, or good-humour, their persons, stations,
 ‘ and titles, shall be described at large.

‘ I have a wife who is a Nomenclatress, and will be
 ‘ ready, on any occasion, to attend the ladies. She is of
 ‘ a much more communicative nature than myself, and
 ‘ is acquainted with all the private history of London and

‘ Westminster.

Westminster, and ten miles round. She has fifty private amours which no body yet knows any thing of but herself, and thirty clandestine marriages that have not been touched by the tip of a tongue. She will wait upon any lady at her own lodgings, and talk by the clock after the rate of three guineas an hour.

‘ N. B. She is a near kinswoman of the author of the New Atalantis.

‘ I need not recommend to a man of your sagacity, the usefulness of this project, and do therefore beg your encouragement of it, which will lay a very great obligation upon
Your humble Servant.’

After this letter from my whimsical correspondent, I shall publish one of a more serious nature, which deserves the utmost attention of the publick, and in particular of such who are lovers of mankind. It is on no less a subject, than that of discovering the Longitude, and deserves a much higher name than that of a project, if our language afforded any such term. But all I can say on this subject will be superfluous, when the reader sees the names of those persons by whom this letter is subscribed, and who have done me the honour to send it me. I must only take notice, that the first of these gentlemen is the same person who has lately obliged the world with that noble plan, entitled “ A Scheme of the Solar System, with the Orbits of the Planets and Comets belonging thereto, described from Dr. Halley’s accurate Table of Comets, Philosoph. Transact. N° 297. founded on Sir Isaac Newton’s wonderful discoveries, by William Whiston, M. A.”

TO NESTOR IRONSIDE, Esq; at Button’s Coffee-House near Covent-Carden.

S I R,

London, July 11, 1713.

HAVING a discovery of considerable importance to communicate to the publick, and finding that you are pleased to concern yourself in any thing that tends to the common benefit of mankind, we take the liberty to desire the insertion of this letter into your Guardian. We expect no other recommendation of it

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‘ from you, but the allowing of it a place in so useful a
‘ paper. Nor do we insist on any protection from you,
‘ if what we propose should fall short of what we pretend
‘ to; since any disgrace, which in that case must be ex-
‘ pected, ought to lie wholly at our own doors, and to be
‘ entirely borne by our ourselves, which we hope we have
‘ provided for by putting our own names to this paper.

‘ It is well known, Sir, to yourself, and to the learn-
‘ ed, and trading, and sailing world, that the great de-
‘ fect of the art of navigation is, that a ship at sea has
‘ no certain method, in either her eastern or western
‘ voyages, or even in her less distant sailing from the
‘ coasts, to know her Longitude, or how much she is
‘ gone eastward or westward, as it can easily be known
‘ in any clear day or night, how much she is gone north-
‘ ward or southward: The several methods by lunar
‘ eclipses, by those of Jupiter’s satellites, by the appulses
‘ of the moon to fixed stars, and by the even motions
‘ of pendulum clocks and watches, upon how solid
‘ foundations soever they are built, still failing in long
‘ voyages at sea, when they come to be practised; and
‘ leaving the poor sailors frequently to the great inaccu-
‘ racy of a log-line, or dead reckoning. This defect is
‘ so great, and so many ships have been lost by it, and
‘ this has been so long and so sensibly known by trading
‘ nations, that great rewards are said to be publickly
‘ offered for its supply. We are well satisfied, that the
‘ discovery we have to make as to this matter, is easily
‘ intelligible by all, and ready to be practised at sea as
‘ well as at land; that the latitude will thereby be
‘ likewise found at the same time; and that with proper
‘ charges it may be made as universal as the world shall
‘ please; nay, that the longitude and latitude may be
‘ generally hereby determined to a greater degree of ex-
‘ actness than the latitude itself is now usually found at
‘ sea. So that on all accounts we hope it will appear very
‘ worthy the publick consideration. We are ready to dis-
‘ close it to the world, if we may be assured that no
‘ other persons shall be allowed to deprive us of those re-
‘ wards which the publick shall think fit to bestow for
‘ such a discovery; but do not desire actually to receive
‘ any benefit of that nature till Sir Isaac Newton himself,

‘ with



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‘ lowered his fore top, and contracted his figure, that
 ‘ he might be looked upon as a member of this new
 ‘ erected society; nay, so far did his vanity carry him,
 ‘ that he talked familiarly of Tom Tiptoe, and pretends
 ‘ to be an intimate acquaintance of Tim Tuck. For my
 ‘ part, I scorn to speak any thing to the diminution of
 ‘ these little creatures, and should not have minded them
 ‘ had they been still shuffled among the croud. Shrubs
 ‘ and underwoods look well enough while they grow
 ‘ within the shades of oaks and cedars; but when these
 ‘ pigmies pretend to draw themselves out from the rest
 ‘ of the world, and form themselves into a body, it is
 ‘ time for us who are men of figure to look about us.
 ‘ If the ladies should once take a liking to such a di-
 ‘ minutive race of lovers, we should, in a little time,
 ‘ see mankind epitomized, and the whole species in
 ‘ miniature; daily roots would grow fashionable diet.
 ‘ In order therefore to keep our posterity from dwindling,
 ‘ and fetch down the pride of this aspiring race of up-
 ‘ starts, we have here instituted a tall club.

‘ As the short club consists of those who are under
 ‘ five foot, ours is to be composed of such as are above
 ‘ six. These we look upon as the two extremes and
 ‘ antagonists of the species: considering all those as
 ‘ neuters who fill up the middle space. When a man
 ‘ rises beyond six foot, he is an Hypermeter, and may be
 ‘ admitted into the tall club.

‘ We have already chosen thirty members the most
 ‘ fightly of all her majesty’s subjects. We elected a
 ‘ president, as many of the ancients did their kings, by
 ‘ reason of his height, having only confirmed him in
 ‘ that station above us which nature had given him.
 ‘ He is a Scotch Highlander, and within an inch of a
 ‘ show. As for my own part, I am but a sesquipedal,
 ‘ having only six foot and a half of stature. Being the
 ‘ shortest member of the club, I am appointed secretary.
 ‘ If you saw us altogether you would take us for the
 ‘ sons of Anak. Our meetings are held like the old
 ‘ Gothick parliaments, “sub dio,” in open air; but we
 ‘ shall make an interest, if we can, that we may hold
 ‘ our assemblies in Westminster-Hall when it is not
 ‘ term-time. I must add to the honour of our club,

‘ that

at it is one of our society who is now finding out the longitude. The device of our publick seal, is a man grasping a pigmy in his right foot.

I know the short club value themselves very much on Mr. Distich, who may possibly play some of his pentameters upon us, but if he does he shall certainly be answered in Alexandrines. For we have a poet among us of a genius as exalted as his stature, and who has very well read in Longinus his treatise concerning the Sublime. Besides, I would have Mr. Distich consider, that if Horace was a short man, Musæus, who makes such a noble figure in Virgil's sixth Æneid, was taller by the head and shoulders than all the people of Mysium. I shall therefore confront his "lepidissimum comuncionem" (a short quotation, and fit for a member of their club) with one that is much longer, and therefore more suitable to a member of ours.

Quos circumfusus sic est affata sibylla ;
Musæum ante omnes : medium nam plurima turba
lune habet, atque humeris extantem suscipit altis.

VIRG. ÆN. 6. v. 666.

To these the sibyl thus her speech address'd :
And first to him * surrounded by the rest ;
Bow'ring his height, and ample was his breast.

DRYDEN.

If after all, this society of little men proceed as they have begun to magnify themselves, and lessen men of higher stature, we have resolved to make a detachment, some evening or other, that shall bring away their whole club in a pair of panniers, and imprison them in a cupboard which we have set apart for that use, till they have made a publick recantation. As for the little bully, Tim Tuck, if he pretends to be a colerick, we shall treat him like his friend little Dicky, and hang him upon a peg till he comes to himself. I have told you our design, and let their little Machiavel event it if he can.

This is, Sir, the long and the short of the matter. I am sensible I shall stir up a nest of wasps by it, but

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* Musæus.

‘ let them do their worst. I think that we serve our
 ‘ country by discouraging this little breed, and hindring
 ‘ it from coming into fashion. If the fair sex look upon
 ‘ us with an eye of favour, we shall make some attempts
 ‘ to lengthen out the human figure, and restore it to its
 ‘ ancient procerity. In the mean time we hope old age
 ‘ has not inclined you in favour of our antagonists; for I
 ‘ do assure you, Sir, we are all your high admirers, how
 ‘ none more than,

S I R, Your's, &c.



N^o 109. THURSDAY, July 16.

Pugnabat tunicâ sed tamen illa tegi.

OVID. *Amor.* l. 1. *Eleg.* 5. v. 14.

Yet still she strove her naked charms to hide.

I H A V E received many letters from persons of all conditions in reference to my late discourse concerning the Tucker. Some of them are filled with reproaches and invectives. A lady who subscribes herself Teraminta bids me in a very pert manner mind my own affairs, and not pretend to meddle with their linen; for that they do not dress for an old fellow, who cannot see them without a pair of spectacles. Another, who calls herself Bubnelia, vents her passion in scurrilous terms; an old Ninny-hammer, a Dotard, a Nincompoop, is the best language she can afford me. Florella indeed expostulates with me upon the subject, and only complains that she is forced to return a pair of stays which were made in the extremity of the fashion, that she might not be thought to encourage peeping.

But if on the one side I have been used ill (the common fate of all reformers) I have on the other side received great applauses and acknowledgments for what I have done, in having put a seasonable stop to this unaccountable humour of stripping, that was got among

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I am very well pleased with this approbation of my good sisters. I must confess I have always looked on the Tucker to be the “Decus & Tutamen,” the ornament and defence of the female neck. My good old lady, the lady Lizard, condemned this fashion from the beginning, and has observed to me, with some concern, that her sex at the same time they are letting down their stays, are tucking up their petticoats, which grow shorter and shorter every day. The leg discovers itself in proportion with the neck. But I may possibly take another occasion of handling this extremity, it being my design to keep a watchful eye over every part of the female sex, and to regulate them from head to foot. In the mean time I shall fill up my paper with a letter which comes to me from another of my obliged correspondents.

Dear GUARDEE,

‘ THIS comes to you from one of those untuckered
 ‘ ladies whom you were so sharp upon on Monday
 ‘ was fennight. I think myself mightily beholden to
 ‘ you for the reprehension you then gave us. You
 ‘ must know I am a famous olive beauty. But though
 ‘ this complexion makes a very good face when there
 ‘ are a couple of black sparkling eyes set in it, it makes
 ‘ but a very indifferent neck. Your fair women therefore
 ‘ fore thought of this fashion to insult the Olives and the
 ‘ Brunetts. They know very well that a neck of ivory
 ‘ does not make so fine a show as one of alabaster. It
 ‘ is for this reason, Mr. Ironside, that they are so liberal
 ‘ in their discoveries. We know very well, that a wo-
 ‘ man of the whitest neck in the world, is to you no
 ‘ more than a woman of snow; but Ovid, in Mr. Duke’s
 ‘ translation of him, seem to look upon it with another
 ‘ eye, when he talks of Corinna, and mentions

—————her heaving breast;

Courting the hand, and suing to be prest.

‘ Women of my complexion ought to be more
 ‘ modest, especially since our faces debar us from al-
 ‘ examine many o-
 ‘ these ladies who present you with such beautiful snowy
 ‘ chests

ts, you would find they are not all of a piece. Good father NESTOR, do not let us alone till you have loosened our necks, and reduced them to their ancient standard.

I am your most obliged,

Humble servant,

OLIVIA.

shall have a just regard to Olivia's remonstrance, though at the same time I cannot but observe that her hostility seems to be intirely the result of her common sense.



110. FRIDAY, July 17.

—Non ego paucis
candor maculis, quas aut incuria fudit
at humana parum cavit natura—

HOR. Ars Poet. v. 351.
will not quarrel with a slight mistake,
such as our nature's frailty may excuse.

ROSCOMMON.

THE candor which Horace shows in the motto of my paper, is that which distinguishes a critick from a caviller. He declares that he is not offended with those little faults in a poetical composition, which may be imputed to inadvertency, or to the imperfection of human nature. The truth of it is, there can be no more perfect work in the world than a perfect man. I say of a celebrated piece that there are faults in it, in effect to say no more, than that the author of it is a man. For this reason I consider every critick that attacks an author in high reputation, as the slave in the triumph, who was to call out to the conqueror, "Remember, Sir, that you are a man." I speak this in allusion to the following letter, which criticises the work.

works of a great poet, whose very faults have more beauty in them than the most elaborate compositions of many more correct writers. The remarks are very curious and just, and introduced by a compliment to the work of an author, who I am sure would not care for being praised at the expence of another's reputation. I must therefore desire my correspondent to excuse me, if I do not publish either the preface or conclusion of his letter, but only the critical part of it.

S I R,

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* * * * *

OUR tragedy writers have been notoriously defective in giving proper sentiments to the persons they introduce. Nothing is more common than to hear an heathen talking of angels and devils, the joys of heaven and the pains of hell, according to the christian system. Lee's Alexander discovers him to be a Cartesian in the first page of *Œdipus*.

——The sun's sick too,
Shortly he'll be an earth——

As Dryden's *Cleomenes* is acquainted with the Copernican hypothesis two thousand years before its invention.

I am pleas'd with my own work ; Jove was not more
With infant nature, when his spacious hand
Had rounded this huge ball of earth and seas,
To give it the first push, and see it roll
Along the vast abyss——

I have now Mr. Dryden's *Don Sebastian* before me, in which I find frequent allusions to ancient history, and the old mythology of the heathen. It is not very natural to suppose a king of Portugal would be borrowing thoughts out of Ovid's *Metamorphoses* when he talked even to those of his own court, but to allude to these Roman fables when he talks to an emperor of Barbary, seems very extraordinary. But observe how he defies him out of the classics in the following lines.



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—————May we ne'er meet !

For like the twins of Leda, when I mount,
He gallops down the skies—————

‘ As for the Mufti we will suppose that he was bred
‘ up a scholar, and not only versed in the law of Ma-
‘ homet, but acquainted with all kinds of polite learning
‘ For this reason he is not at all surpris'd when Do-
‘ rax calls him a Phaeton in one place, and in anothe
‘ tells him he is like Archimedes.

‘ The Mufti afterwards mentions Ximenes, Albor-
‘ noz, and cardinal Wolsey by name. The poet seems
‘ to think he may make every person, in his play
‘ know as much as himself, and talk as well as he could
‘ have done on the same occasion. At least I believe
‘ every reader will agree with me, that the above-men-
‘ tioned sentiments, to which I might have added se-
‘ veral others, would have been better suited to the
‘ court of Augustus, than that of Muley Molock. I grant
‘ they are beautiful in themselves, and much more so
‘ in that noble language, which was peculiar to this
‘ great poet. I only observe that they are improper
‘ for the persons who make use of them. Dryden is
‘ indeed generally wrong in his sentiments. Let any
‘ one read the dialogue between Octavia and Cleopatra
‘ and he will be amazed to hear a Roman lady's mouth
‘ filled with such obscene rallery. If the virtuous Octa-
‘ via departs from her character, the loose Dolabella
‘ is no less inconsistent with himself, when, all of a
‘ sudden, he drops the Pagan, and talks in the sentiments
‘ of revealed religion.

—————Heav'n has but
Our sorrow for our sins, and then delights
To pardon erring man : sweet mercy seems
Its darling attribute, which limits justice ;
As if there were degrees in infinite ;
And infinite would rather want perfection
Than punish to extent—————

‘ I might shew several faults of the same nature in
‘ the celebrated Aurenge-Zebe. The impropriety of
‘ thoughts in the speeches of the great Mogul and his
‘ empress

mpress has been generally censured. Take the sentiments out of the shining dress of words, and they would be too coarse for a scene in Billingsgate.

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I am, &c.



III. SATURDAY, July 18.

Hic aliquis de gente hircosâ Centurionum.

Dicat : quod satis est sapio mihi ; non ego curo

Esse quod Arcesilas, ærumnosique Solones.

PERS. Sat. 3. v. 77.

But, here, some captain of the land or fleet,
 Stout of his hands, but of a soldier's wit,
 Cries, I have sense, to serve my turn, in store ;
 And he's a rascal who pretends to more :
 Dammee, whate'er those book-learn'd blockheads say,
 Solon's the veriest fool in all the play. DRYDEN.

Am very much concerned when I see young gentlemen of fortune and quality so wholly set upon pleasures and diversions, that they neglect all those Improvements in wisdom and knowledge which may make them *useful* to themselves and useful to the world. The great-part of our British youth lose their figure and grow *useless* of fashion by that time they are five and twenty. As soon as the natural gaiety and amiableness of the young man wears off, they have nothing left to recommend them, but *lie by* the rest of their lives among the lumber and refuse of the species. It sometimes happens indeed, that for want of applying themselves in due time to the pursuits of knowledge, they take up a *book* in their declining years, and grow very hopeful scholars by that time they are threescore. I must therefore earnestly press my readers, who are in the flower of their youth, to labour at those accomplishments which

which may set off their persons when their bloom is gone, and to *lay in* timely provisions for manhood and old age. In short, I would advise the youth of fifteen to be dressing up every day the man of fifty, or to consider how to make himself venerable at three-score.

Young men, who are naturally ambitious, would do well to observe how the greatest men of antiquity made it their ambition to excel all their contemporaries in knowledge. Julius Cæsar and Alexander, the most celebrated instances of human greatness, took a particular care to distinguish themselves by their skill in the arts and sciences. We have still extant several remains of the former, which justify the character given of him by the learned men of his own age. As for the latter, it is a known saying of his, that he was more obliged to Aristotle who had instructed him, than to Philip who had given him life and empire. There is a letter of his recorded by Plutarch and Aulus Gellius, which he wrote to Aristotle upon hearing that he had published those lectures he had given him in private. This letter was written in the following words at a time when he was in the height of his Persian conquests.

Alexander to Aristotle, greeting.

‘ **Y**OU have not done well to publish your books of
 ‘ select knowledge; for what is there now in
 ‘ which I can surpass others, if those things which I
 ‘ have been instructed in are communicated to every bo-
 ‘ dy? For my own part I declare to you, I would ra-
 ‘ ther excel others in knowledge than power. Farewel.’

We see by this letter, that the love of conquest was but the second ambition in Alexander’s soul. Knowledge is indeed that which, next to virtue, truly and essentially raises one man above another. It finishes one half of the human soul. It makes being pleasant to us, fills the mind with entertaining views, and administers to it a perpetual series of gratifications. It gives ease to solitude, and gracefulness to retirement. It fills a publick station with suitable abilities, and adds a lustre to those who are in possession of them.

Learning,



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“ ed the Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing. An
 “ God said unto him, Because thou hast asked this thing
 “ and hast not asked for thyself long life, neither ha
 “ asked riches for thyself, nor hast asked the life of thin
 “ enemies, but has asked for thyself, understanding t
 “ discern judgment: Behold I have done according t
 “ thy words: lo I have given thee a wife and under
 “ standing heart, so that there was none like thee befor
 “ thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee
 “ And I have also given thee that which thou hast no
 “ asked, both riches and honour, so that there shall no
 “ be any among the kings like unto thee all thy days
 “ And if thou wilt walk in my ways, to keep my statute
 “ and my commandments, as thy father David did walk
 “ then I will lengthen thy days. And Solomon awoke
 “ and behold, it was a Dream.—’

The French poet has shadowed this story in an allego
 ry, of which he seems to have taken the hint from th
 fable of the three goddesses appearing to Paris, or rathe
 from the vision of Hercules, recorded by Xenophon,
 where Pleasure and Virtue are represented as real per
 sons making their court to the hero with all their several
 charms and allurements. Health, Wealth, Victory and
 Honour are introduced successively in their proper em
 blems and characters, each of them spreading her temp
 tations, and recommending herself to the young mon
 arch's choice. Wisdom enters the last, and so captivate
 him with her appearance, that he gives himself up to
 her. Upon which she informs him, that those who ap
 peared before her where nothing else but her equipage
 and that since he had placed his heart upon wisdom
 Health, Wealth, Victory and Honour should alway
 wait on her as her handmaids.





112. MONDAY, July 20.

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Spernit humum fugiente pennâ.

HOR. Od. 2. l. 3. v. 23.

Scorns the base earth, and crowd below ;
And with a soaring wing still mounts on high.

CREECH.

THE philosophers of king Charles his reign were busy in finding out the art of flying. The famous bishop Wilkins was so confident of success in it, that he says he does not question but in the next age it will be as usual to hear a man call for his wings when he is going on a journey, as it is now to call for his boots. The humour prevailed among the virtuofos of this reign, that they were actually making parties to go up to the moon together, and were more put to it in their thoughts how to meet with accommodations by the way, than how to get thither. Every one knows the story of the great lady, who at the same time was building castles in the air for their reception. I always leave such trite quotations to my reader's private recollection. For which reason also I shall forbear extracting out of authors several instances of particular persons who have arrived at some perfection in this art, and exhibited specimens of it before multitudes of beholders. Instead of this I shall present my reader with the following letter from an artist, who is now taken up with this Invention, and conceals his true name under that of Dædalus.

Mr. IRONSIDE,

KNOWING that you are a great encourager of ingenuity, I think fit to acquaint you, that I have made a considerable progress in the art of flying. I flutter about my room two or three hours in a morning, and when my wings are on, can go above a hundred

‘dred yards at a hop, step and jump. I can fly already as well as a turkey-cock, and improve every day. If I proceed as I have begun, I intend to give the world a proof of my proficiency in this art. Upon the next publick Thanksgiving-day it is my design to sit astride the dragon upon Bow steeple, from whence, after the first discharge of the Tower guns, I intend to mount into the air, fly over Fleet-street, and pitch upon the May-pole in the Strand. From thence, by a gradual descent, I shall make the best of my way for St. James’s Park, and light upon the ground near Rosamond’s Pond. This I doubt not will convince the world that I am no pretender; but before I set out, I shall desire to have a patent for making of wings, and that none shall presume to fly, under pain of death, with wings of any other man’s making. I intend to work for the court myself, and will have journeymen under me to furnish the rest of the nation. I likewise desire, that I may have the sole teaching of persons of quality, in which I shall spare neither time nor pains ’till I have made them as expert as myself. I will fly with the women upon my back for the first fortnight. I shall appear at the next masquerade dressed up in my feathers and plumage like an Indian prince, that the quality may see how pretty they will look in their travelling habits. You know, Sir, there is an unaccountable prejudice to projectors of all kinds, for which reason when I talk of practising to fly, silly people think me an owl for my pains; but, Sir, you know better things. I need not enumerate to you the benefits which will accrue to the publick from this invention; as how the roads of England will be saved when we travel through these new high-ways, and how all family accounts will be lessened in the article of coaches and horses. I need not mention posts and packet-boats, with many other conveniencies of life, which will be supplied this way. In short, Sir, when mankind are in possession of this art, they will be able to do more business in threescore and ten years, than they could do in a thousand by the methods now in use. I therefore recommend myself and art to your patronage, and am

Your most humble servant.



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N^o 113. TUESDAY, July 21.

— — Amphora cœpit

Institui, currente rotâ, cur urceus exit ?

HOR. Ars Poet. v. 21.

When you begin with so much pomp and show,

Why is the end so little and so low ? ROSCOMMON.

I Last night received a letter from an honest citizen, who it seems is in his honey-moon. It is written by a plain man on a plain subject, but has an air of good sense and natural honesty in it, which may perhaps please the public as much as myself. I shall not therefore scruple the giving it a place in my paper, which is designed for common use, and for the benefit of the poor as well as rich.

Good Mr. IRONSIDE,

Cheapside, July 18.

‘ I Have lately married a very pretty body, who being
 ‘ something younger and richer than myself, I
 ‘ was advised to go a wooing to her in a finer suit of
 ‘ clothes than ever I wore in my life ; for I love to
 ‘ dress plain, and suitable to a man of my rank. How-
 ‘ ever, I gained her heart by it. Upon the wedding-
 ‘ day I put myself, according to custom, in another
 ‘ suit fire-new, with silver buttons to it. I am so
 ‘ out of countenance among my neighbours upon being
 ‘ so fine, that I heartily wish my clothes well worn out.
 ‘ I fancy every body observes me as I walk the street,
 ‘ and long to be in my old plain geer again. Besides,
 ‘ forsooth, they have put me in a silk night-gown and
 ‘ a gaudy fool’s cap, and make me now and then stand
 ‘ in the window with it. I am ashamed to be dandled
 ‘ thus, and can’t look in the glass without blushing to
 ‘ see myself turned into such a pretty little master.
 ‘ They tell me I must appear in my wedding-suit for
 ‘ the first month at least ; after which I am resolved to
 ‘ come again to my every day’s clothes, for at present
 ‘ every

every day is Sunday with me. Now in my mind, Mr. IRONSIDE, this is the wrongest way of proceeding in the world. When a man's person is new and unaccustom'd to a young body, he does not want any thing else to set him off. The novelty of the lover has more charms than a wedding-suit. I should think therefore, that a man should keep his finery for the latter seasons of marriage, and not begin to dress 'till the honey-moon is over. I have observed at a Lord-Mayor's feast, that the sweet-meats don't make their appearance 'till people are cloyed with beef and mutton, and begin to lose their stomachs. But instead of this, we serve up delicacies to our guests, when their appetites are keen, and coarse diet when their bellies are full. As bad as I hate my silver-button'd coat and silk night-gown, I am afraid of leaving them off, not knowing whether my wife won't repent of her marriage when she sees what a plain man she has to her husband. Pray, Mr. IRONSIDE, write something to prepare her for it, and let me know whether you think she can ever love me in a hair button.

I am, &c.

* P. S. I forgot to tell you of my white gloves, which, they say too, I must wear all the first month.'

My correspondent's observations are very just, and may be useful in low life, but to turn them to the advantage of people in higher stations, I shall raise the moral, and observe something parallel to the wooing and wedding-suit, in the behaviour of persons of figure. After long experience in the world, and reflexions upon mankind, I find one particular occasion of unhappy marriages, which, though very common, is not very much attended to. What I mean is this. Every man in the time of courtship, and in the first entrance of marriage, puts on a behaviour like my correspondent's holiday suit, which is to last no longer than till he is settled in the possession of his mistress. He resigns his inclinations and understanding to her humour and opinion. He neither loves nor hates, nor talks, nor

inks in contradiction to her. He is controlled by a frown, mortified by a frown, and transported by a smile. The poor young lady falls in love with this figure, and expects of him the same behaviour. In a little time she finds that he has a will of his own, that he pretends to dislike what she approves, and that instead of treating her like a goddess, he treats her like a woman. What still makes the misfortune worse, we find the most abject flatterers degenerate into the greatest tyrants. This naturally fills the spirit with fullness and discontent, spleen and vapour, which, with a little discreet management, make a comfortable marriage. I very much approve of my friend Tom Truelove in this particular. Tom never came to a woman of sense, and always treated her as such during the whole time of courtship. His natural temper and good breeding hindered him from doing any thing disagreeable, as his sincerity and frankness of behaviour made him converse with her, before marriage, in the same manner he intended to continue to do afterwards. Tom would often tell her, Madam, you see what sort of man I am. If you will take me with all my faults about me, I promise to mend rather than grow worse. I remember Tom was once hinting his displeasure at some little trifle his mistress had said or done. Upon which she asked him, how he would talk to her after marriage, if he talked at this rate before? No, Madam, says Tom, I mention this now because you are at your own disposal, were you at mine I should be too general to do it. In short, Tom succeeded, and has ever been better than his word. The lady has been disappointed on the right side, and has found nothing more disagreeable in the husband than she discovered in her lover.





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animal, and under the title of lions contrive the ruin of their fellow subjects. I must desire likewise, that intriguers will not make a pimp of my lion, and by his means convey their thoughts to one another. Those who are read in the history of the popes observe, that the Leos have been the best, and the Innocents the worst of that species, and I hope that I shall not be thought to derogate from my lion's character, by representing him as such a peaceable good-natured well-defigning beast.

I intend to publish once every week "the roarings of the lion," and hope to make him roar so loud as to be head over all the British nation.

If my correspondents will do their parts in prompting him, and supplying him with suitable provision, I question not but the lion's head will be reckoned the best head in England.

There is a notion generally received in the world, that a lion is a dangerous creature to all women who are not virgins, which may have given occasion to a foolish report, that my lion's jaws are so contrived, as to snap the hands of any of the female sex, who are not thus qualified to approach it with safety. I shall not spend much time in exposing the fallity of this report, which I believe will not weigh any thing with women of sense: I shall only say, that there is not one of the sex in all the neighbourhood of Covent-Garden, who may not put her hand in his mouth with the same security as if she were a vestal. However, that the ladies may not be deterred from corresponding with me by this method, I must acquaint them that the coffee-man has a little daughter of about four years old who has been virtuously educated, and will lend her hand upon this occasion to any lady that shall desire it of her.

In the mean time I must further acquaint my fair readers, that I have thoughts of making a further provision for them at my ingenious friend Mr. Motteux's, or at Corticelli's, or some other place frequented by the wits and beauties of the sex. As I have here a lion's head for the men, I shall there erect an unicorn's head for the ladies, and will so contrive it, that they
may

may put in their intelligence at the top, of the horn, which shall convey it into a little receptacle at the bottom prepared for that purpose. Out of these two magazines I shall supply the town from time to time with that may tend to their edification, and at the same time carry on an epistolary correspondence between the two heads, not a little beneficial both to the publick and to myself. As both these monsters will be very insatiable, and devour great quantities of paper, there will no small use redound from them to that manufacture in particular.

The following letter having been left with the keeper of the lion, with a request from the writer that it may be the first morsel which is put into his mouth, I shall communicate it to the publick as it came to my hand, without examining whether it be proper nourishment, as intend to do for the future.

Mr. GUARDIAN,

YOUR predecessor, the Spectator, endeavoured, but in vain, to improve the charms of the fair sex, by exposing their dress whenever it lanced into extremities: Among the rest the great petticoat came under his consideration, but in contradiction to whatever he has said, they still resolutely persist in this fashion. The form of their bottom is not, I confess, altogether the same; for whereas before it was of an orbicular make, they now look as if they were pressed, so that they seem to deny access to any part but the middle. Many are the inconveniencies that accrue to her majesty's loving subjects from the said petticoats, as hurting mens shins, sweeping down the wares of industrious females in the streets, &c. I saw a young lady fall down the other day; and believe me, Sir, she very much resembled an overturned bell without a clapper. Many other disasters I could tell you of that befall themselves as well as others by means of this unwieldy garment. I wish, Mr. GUARDIAN, you would join with me in showing you dislike of such a monstrous fashion, and I hope when the ladies see it is the opinion of two of the wisest

men in England, they will be convinced of their
folly.

I am, SIR,

Your daily reader and admirer,

TOM PLAIN.



N^o 115. THURSDAY, July 23.

Ingenium par materiæ-----

JUV. Sat. I. v. 151.

A genius equal to the subject.

WHEN I read rules of criticism I immediately inquire after the works of the author who has written them, and by that means discover what it is he likes in a composition; for there is no question but every man aims at least at what he thinks beautiful in others. If I find by his own manner of writing that he is heavy and tasteless, I throw aside his criticisms with a secret indignation, to see a man without genius or politeness dictating to the world on subjects which I find are above his reach.

If the critick has published nothing but rules and observations in criticism, I then consider whether there be a propriety and elegance in his thoughts and words, clearness and delicacy in his remarks, wit and good-breeding in his raillery; but if in the place of all these I find nothing but dogmatical stupidity, I must beg such a writer's pardon if I have no manner of deference for his judgment, and refuse to conform myself to his taste.

So Macer and Mundungus school the times,

And write in rugged prose the softer rules of rhimes.

Well do they play the careful criticks part,

Instructing doubly by their matchless art:

Rules for good verse they first with pains indite,

Then shew us what are bad, by what they write.

Mr. CONGREVE to Sir R. TEMPLE.

The



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hung over the rest of the mountain in a dreadful manner, so that people regarded him with the same terror and curiosity as they look upon a daring rope-dancer whom they expect to fall every moment.


Claudian was seated on the other summit, which was lower, and at the same time more smooth and even than the former. It was observed likewise to be more barren, and to produce, on some spots of it, plants that are unknown to Italy, and such as the gardeners call exoticks.

Lucretius was very busy about the roots of the mountains, being wholly intent upon the motion and management of the machine which was under his conduct, and was indeed of his invention. He was sometimes so engaged among the wheels, and covered with machinery, that not above half the poet appeared to the spectators, though at other times, by the working of the engines, he was raised up, and became as conspicuous as any of the brotherhood.

Ovid did not settle in any particular place, but ranged over all Parnassus with great nimbleness and activity. But as he did not much care for the toil and pains that were requisite to climb the upper part of the hill, he was generally roving about the bottom of it.

But there was none who was placed in a more eminent station, and had a greater prospect under him than Lucan. He vaulted upon Pegasus with all the heat and intrepidity of youth, and seemed desirous of mounting into the clouds upon the back of him. But as the hinder feet of the horse stuck to the mountain while the body reared up in the air, the poet with great difficulty kept himself from sliding off his back, insomuch that the people often gave him for gone, and cried out, every now and then, that he was tumbling.

Virgil, with great modesty in his looks, was seated by Calliope, in the midst of a plantation of laurels which grew thick about him, and almost covered him with their shade. He would not perhaps have been seen in this retirement, but that it was impossible to look upon Calliope without seeing Virgil at the same time.

This poetical masquerade was no sooner arrived before the pope's Villa, but they received an invitation to land, which they did accordingly. The hall prepared for their reception was filled with an audience of the greatest eminence for quality and politeness. The poets took their places, and repeated each of them a poem written in the stile and spirit of those immortal authors whom they represented. The subject of these several poems, with the judgment passed upon each of them, may be an agreeable entertainment for another day's paper. 



N^o 116. FRIDAY, July 24.

.....Ridiculum acri

Fortius & melius.....

HOR. Sat. 10. l. 1. v. 14.

A jest in scorn points out, and hits the thing
More home, than the 'most satiric's sting.

THERE are many little enormities in the world, which our preachers would be very glad to see removed; but at the same time dare not meddle with them, for fear of betraying the dignity of the pulpit. Should they recommend the tucker in a pathetick discourse, their audiences would be apt to laugh out. I knew a parish, where the top-woman of it used always to appear with a patch upon some part of her forehead. The good man of the place preached at it with great zeal for almost a twelvemonth; but instead of fetching out the spot which he perpetually aimed at, he only got the name of parson Patch for his pains. Another is to this day called by the name of Doctor Top-knot for reasons of the same nature. I remember the clergy during the time of Cromwell's usurpation, were very much taken up in 'reforming' the female world, and showing the vanity of those outward ornaments in which the sex so much delights. I have heard a whole

sermon against a white-wash, and have known a co-

The clergy of the present age are not transported with these indiscreet fervours, as knowing that it is hard for a reformer to avoid ridicule, when he is severe upon subjects which are rather apt to produce mirth than seriousness. For this reason I look upon myself to be of great use to these good men; while they are employed in extirpating mortal sins, and crimes of a higher nature, I should be glad to rally the world out of indecencies and venial transgressions. While the doctor is curing distempers that have the appearance of danger or death in them, the Merry-Andrew has his separate packet for the megrims and tooth-ach.

Thus much I thought fit to premise before I resume the subject which I have already handled, I mean the naked bosoms of our British ladies. I hope they will not take it ill of me, if I still beg that they will be covered. I shall here present them with a letter on that particular, as it was yesterday conveyed to me through the lion's mouth. It comes from a quaker, and is as follows:

NESTOR IRONSIDE,

OUR friends like thee. We rejoice to find thou beginnest to have a glimmering of the light in thee: We shall pray for thee, that thou mayest be more and more enlightened. Thou givest good advice to the women of this world to clothe themselves like unto our friends, and not to expose their fleshly temptations, for it is against the record. Thy lion is a good lion; he roareth loud, and is heard a great way; even unto the sink of Babylon; for the scarlet whore is governed by the voice of thy lion. Look on his order.

“Rome, July 8, 1713. A placard is published here, forbidding women of whatsoever quality, to go with naked breasts; and the priests are ordered not to admit the transgressors of this law to confession, nor to communion, neither are they to enter the cathedrals, under severe penalties.”

These lines are faithfully copied from the nightly paper, with this title written over it, “The Evening
“Post,



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N° 117. SATURDAY, July 25.

Cura pii diis sunt——— OVID. Met. l. 8. v. 72

The good are heav'n's peculiar care.

LOOKING over the late edition of Monsieur Boileau's works, I was very much pleased with the article which he has added to his notes on the translation of Longinus. He there tells us, that the sublimity in writing rises either from the nobleness of the thought, the magnificence of the words, or the harmonious and lively turn of the phrase, and that the perfect sublimity arises from all these three in conjunction together. I produce an instance of this perfect sublime in four verses from the Athalia of Monsieur Racine. When Abner, one of the chief officers of the court, represents to Joad the high priest, that the queen was incensed against him, the high-priest, not in the least terrified at the news, returns this answer.

Celui qui met un frein à la fureur des flots,
Sçait aussi des méchans arrêter les complots.
Soumis avec respect à sa volonté sainte.
Je crains Dieu, cher Abner, & n'ai point d'autre crainte

“ He who ruleth the raging of the sea, knows also how
“ to check the designs of the ungodly. I submit myself
“ with reverence to his holy will. O Abner, I fear none
“ but God, and I fear none but him.” Such a thought gives
no less a sublimity to human nature, than it does to good
writing. This religious fear, when it is produced by just
apprehensions of a divine power, naturally overlooks
human greatness that stands in competition with it, and
extinguishes every other terror that can settle itself in the
heart of man; it lessens and contracts the figure of the
most exalted person: it disarms the tyrant and executioner,
and represents to our minds the most enraged and the
most powerful as altogether harmless and impotent.

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There is no true fortitude which is not founded upon this fear, as there is no other principle of so settled and fixed a nature. Courage that grows from constitution very often forsakes a man when he has occasion for it; and when it is only a kind of instinct in the soul, breaks out on all occasions without judgment or discretion. That courage which proceeds from the sense of our duty, and from the fear of offending him that made us, acts always in an uniform manner, and according to the dictates of right reason.

What can the man fear, who takes care in all his actions to please a Being that is omnipotent? A Being who is able to crush all his adversaries? A Being that can divert any misfortune from befalling him, or turn any such misfortune to his advantage? The person who lives with this constant and habitual regard to the great superintendant of the world, is indeed sure that no real evil can come into his lot. Blessings may appear under the shape of pains, losses and disappointments, but let him have patience, and he will see them in their proper figures. Dangers may threaten him, but he may rest satisfied that they will either not reach him, or that, if they do, they will be the instruments of good to him. In short, he may look upon all crosses and accidents, sufferings and afflictions, as means which are made use of to bring him to happiness. This is even the worst of that man's condition whose mind is possessed with the habitual fear of which I am now speaking. But it very often happens, that those which appear evils in our own eyes, appear also as such to him who has human nature under his care, in which case they are certainly averted from the person who has made himself, by this virtue, an object of divine favour. Histories are full of instances of this nature, where men of virtue have had extraordinary escapes out of such dangers as have inclosed them, and which have seemed inevitable.

There is no example of this kind in pagan history which more pleases me than that which is recorded in the life of Timoleon. This extraordinary man was famous for referring all his successes to providence. Cornelius Nepos acquaints us that he had in his house a
private

private chapel in which he used to pay his devotions to the goddess who represented providence among the heathens. I think no man was ever more distinguished, by the deity whom he blindly worshipped, than the great person I am speaking of in several occurrences of his life, but particularly in the following one which I shall relate out of Plutarch.

Three persons had entered into a conspiracy to assassinate Timoleon as he was offering up his devotions in a certain temple. In order to it they took their several stands in the most convenient places for their purpose. As they were waiting for an opportunity to put their design in execution, a stranger having observed one of the conspirators, fell upon him and slew him. Upon which the other two, thinking their plot had been discovered, threw themselves at Timoleon's feet, and confessed the whole matter. This stranger, upon examination, was found to have understood nothing of the intended assassination, but having several years before had a brother killed by the conspirator, whom he here put to death, and having till now sought in vain for an opportunity of revenge, he chanced to meet the murderer in the temple, who had planted himself there for the above-mentioned purpose. Plutarch cannot forbear on this occasion, speaking with a kind of rapture on the schemes of providence, which, in this particular, had so contrived it, that the stranger should, for so great a space of time, be debarred the means of doing justice to his brother, till, by the same blow that revenged the death of one innocent man, he preserved the life of another.

of Timoleon's religion should have his intrepidity and firmness of mind, or that he should be distinguished by such a deliverance as I have here related. 





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‘ so that, to tell you truly, Mr. IRONSIDE, I am in some
 ‘ fear lest my profession should in a little time become
 ‘ wholly unnecessary. I must here explain to you a
 ‘ small covering, if I may call it so, or rather an orna-
 ‘ ment for the neck, which you have not yet taken
 ‘ notice of. This consists of a narrow lace, or a small
 ‘ skirt of fine ruffled linen, which runs along the upper
 ‘ part of the stays before, and crosses the breasts, with-
 ‘ out rising to the shoulders; and being as it were a part
 ‘ of the tucker, yet kept in use, is therefore by a par-
 ‘ ticular name called the modesty-piece. Now, Sir,
 ‘ what I have to communicate to you at present is, that
 ‘ at a late meeting of the stripping ladies, in which
 ‘ were present several eminent toasts and beauties, it
 ‘ was resolved for the future to lay the modesty-piece
 ‘ wholly aside. It is intended at the same time to lower
 ‘ the stays considerably before, and nothing but the un-
 ‘ settled weather has hindered this design from being
 ‘ already put in execution. Some few indeed objected to
 ‘ this last improvement, but were overruled by the rest,
 ‘ who alledged it was their intention, as they ingenious-
 ‘ ly expressed it, to level their breast-works intirely, and
 ‘ to trust to no defence but their own virtue.

I am, SIR,

(if you please) your seeret servant,

LEONILLA FIGLEAF.

Dear Sir,

‘ **A**S by name, and duty bound, I yesterday brought
 ‘ in a prey of paper for my patron’s dinner; but by
 ‘ the forwardness of his paws he seemed ready to put
 ‘ it into his own mouth, which does not enough resem-
 ‘ ble its prototypes, whose throats are open sepulchres.
 ‘ I assure you, Sir, unless he gapes wider he will sooner
 ‘ be felt than heard. Witness my hand,

JACKALL.

TO NESTOR IRONSIDE, Esq;

Sage NESTOR,

‘ **L**IONS being esteemed by naturalists, the most ge-
 ‘ nerous of beasts, the noble and majestick ap-
 ‘ pearance they make in poetry, wherein they so often

represent the hero himself, made me always think that name very ill applied to a profligate set of men, at present going about seeking whom to devour: . And though I cannot but acquiesce in your account of the derivation of that title to them, it is with great satisfaction I hear you are about to restore them to their former dignity, by producing one of that species so public-spirited, as to roar for reformation of manners. I will roar (says the clown in Shakespear) that it will do any man's heart good to hear me; I will roar, that I will make the duke say, Let him roar again, let him roar again. Such success, and such applause I do not question but your lion will meet with, whilst, like that of Samson, his strength shall bring forth sweetness, and his entrails abound with honey.

At the same time that I congratulate with the republic of beasts upon this honour done to their king, I must condole with us poor mortals, who by distance of place are rendered incapable of paying our respects to him, with the same assiduity as those who are ushered into his presence by the discreet Mr. Button. Upon this account, Mr. Ironside, I am become a suitor to you, to constitute an out-riding lion; or if you please, a jackall or two, to receive and remit our homage in a more particular manner than is hitherto provided. As it is, our tenders of duty every now and then miscarry by the way; at least the natural self-love that makes us unwilling to think any thing that comes from us worthy of contempt, incline us to believe so. Methinks it were likewise necessary to specify, by what means a present from a fair hand may reach his bridled majesty, the place of his residence being very unfit for a lady's personal appearance.

I am your most constant reader,


and admirer,

N. R.

Dear

Dear NESTOR,

‘IT is a well known proverb in a certain part of this
‘ kingdom, “ Love me, love my dog; ” and I hope
‘ you will take it as a mark of my respect for your per-
‘ son that I here bring a bit for your lion.’ ****.

What follows being secret hiltory, it will be printed
in other papers; wherein the lion will publish his pri-
vate intelligence. 



N^o 119. TUESDAY, July 28.

-----poetarum veniet manus, auxilio quæ
Sit mihi----- HOR. Sat. 4. l. 1. v. 141.

A band of poets to my aid I'll call. CREECH.

THESE is nothing which more shows the want
of taste and discernment in a writer than the
decrying of any author in gross, especially of an au-
thor who has been the admiration of multitudes, and
that too in several ages of the world. This, however,
is the general practice of all illiterate and undistinguis-
hing criticks. Because Homer and Virgil and Sophocles
have been commended by the learned of all times, every
scribler who has no relish of their beauties, gives him-
self an air of rapture when he speaks of them. But as
he praises these he knows not why, there are others
whom he depreciates with the same vehemence and
upon the same account. We may see after what a dif-
ferent manner Strada proceeds in his judgment on the
Latin poets; for I intend to publish, in this paper, a
continuation of that prolusion which was the subject of
the last Thursday. I shall therefore give my reader a
short account in prose of every poem which was pro-
duced in the learned assembly there described: and if
he is thoroughly conversant in the works of those antient
authors, he will see with how much judgment every
subject is adapted to the poet who makes use of it, and
with



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The representative of Lucretius told the assembly, that they should soon be sensible of the difference between a poet who was a native of Rome, and a stranger who had been adopted into it: After which he entered upon his subject, which I find exhibited to my hand in a speculation of one of my predecessors.

Strada, in the person of Lucretius, gives an account of a chimerical correspondence between two friends, by the help of a certain loadstone, which had such a virtue in it, that if it touched two several needles, when one of the needles so touched began to move, the other, though at never so great a distance, moved at the same time, and in the same manner. He tells us, that two friends, being each of them possess'd of one of these needles, make a kind of dial-plate, inscribing it with the four and twenty letters, in the same manner as the hours of the day are marked upon the ordinary dial-plate. Then they fixed one of the needles on each of these plates in such a manner that it could move round without impediment, so as to touch any of the four and twenty letters. Upon their separating from one another into distant countries, they agreed to withdraw themselves punctually into their closets at a certain hour of the day, and to converse with one another by means of this their invention. Accordingly, when they were some hundred miles asunder, each of them shut himself up in his closet at the time appointed, and immediately cast his eyes upon his dial-plate. If he had a mind to write any thing to his friend, he directed his needle to every letter that formed the words which he had occasion for, making a little pause at the end of every word or sentence to avoid confusion. The friend in the mean while, saw his own sympathetic needle moving of itself to every letter, which that of his correspondent pointed at: By this means they talked together across a whole continent, and conveyed their thoughts to one another in an instant over cities or mountains, seas or desarts.

The whole audience were pleas'd with the artifice of the poet who represented Lucretius, observing very well how he had laid asleep their attention to the simplicity of his stile in some verses, and to the want of

harmon

armony in others, by fixing their minds to the novelty of his subject, and to the experiment which he related. Without such an artifice they were of opinion that nothing would have sounded more harsh than Lucretius's diction and numbers. But it was plain that the more learned part of the assembly were quite of another mind. These allowed that it was peculiar to Lucretius above all other poets, to be always doing or teaching something, that no other stile was so proper to teach in, or gave a greater pleasure to those who had a true relish for the Roman tongue. They added further, that if Lucretius had not been embarrassed with the difficulty of his matter, and a little led away by an affectation of antiquity, there could not have been any thing more perfect than his poem.

Claudian succeeded Lucretius, having chosen for his subject the famous contest between the nightingale and the lutanist, which every one is acquainted with, especially since Mr. Philips has so finely improved that hint in one of his pastorals.

He had no sooner finished but the assembly rung with acclamations made in his praise. His first beauty, which every one owned, was the great clearness and perspicuity which appeared in the plan of his poem. Others were wonderfully charmed with the smoothness of his verse, and the flowing of his numbers, in which there were none of those elisions and cuttings off so frequent in the works of other poets. There were several however of a more refined judgment, who ridiculed that infusion of foreign phrases with which he had corrupted the Latin tongue, and spoke with contempt of the equability of his numbers that cloyed and fatiated the ear for want of variety: To which they likewise added, a frequent and unseasonable affectation of appearing sonorous and sublime.

The sequel of this prolusion shall be the work of another day.





N^o 120. WEDNESDAY, July 29.

—Nothing lovelier can be found
 In woman, than to study household good,
 And good works in her husband to promote. MILTON.

A Bit for the LION.

S I R,

‘ AS soon as you have set up your unicorn, there is
 ‘ no question but the ladies will make him push
 ‘ very furiously at the men ; for which reason I think it
 ‘ is good to be beforehand with them, and make the lion
 ‘ roar aloud at female irregularities. Among these, I
 ‘ wonder how their gaming has so long escaped your
 ‘ notice. You who converse with the sober family of
 ‘ the Lizards, are perhaps a stranger to these virago’s ;
 ‘ but what would you say, should you see the Sparkler
 ‘ shaking her elbow for a whole night together, and
 ‘ thumping the table with a dice-box ? Or how would
 ‘ you like to hear the good widow-lady herself return-
 ‘ ing to her house at midnight, and alarming the whole
 ‘ street with a most enormous rap, after having sat up
 ‘ till that time at Crimp or Ombre ? Sir, I am the hul-
 ‘ band of one of these female gamesters, and a great
 ‘ loser by it both in my rest and my pocket. As my
 ‘ wife reads your papers, one upon this subject might
 ‘ be of use both to her, and

‘ Your humble servant.’

I should ill deserve the name of Guardian, did I not caution all my fair wards against a practice which when it runs to excess, is the most shameful, but one, that the female world can fall into. The ill consequences of it are more than can be contained in this paper. However, that I may proceed in method, I shall consider them. First, as they relate to the mind. Secondly, as they relate to the body.



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and of fathers, has often complained to me, with tears in his eyes, of the late hours he is forced to keep if he would enjoy his wife's conversation. When she returns to me with joy in her face, it does not arise, says he, from the sight of her husband, but from the good luck she has had at cards. On the contrary, says he, if she has been a loser I am doubly a sufferer by it. She comes home out of humour, is angry with every body, displeas'd with all I can do or say, and in reality for no other reason, but because she has been throwing away my estate. What charming bed-fellows and companions for life are men likely to meet with that choose their wives out of such women of vogue and fashion? What a race of worthies, what patriots, what heroes, must we expect from mothers of this make?

I come in the next place to consider the ill consequences which gaming has on the bodies of our female adventurers. It is so ordered that almost every thing which corrupts the soul decays the body. The beauties of the face and mind are generally destroyed by the same means. This consideration should have a particular weight with the female world, who were designed to please the eye and attract the regards of the other half of the species. Now there is nothing that wears out a fine face like the vigils of the card-table, and those cutting passions which naturally attend them. Hollow eyes, haggard looks, and pale complexions, are the natural indications of a female gamester. Her morning sleeps are not able to repair her midnight watchings. I have known a woman carried off half dead from Bassette, and have many a time grieved to see a person of quality gliding by me in her chair at two o'clock in the morning, and looking like a spectre amidst a glare of flambeaux. In short, I never knew a thorough-paced female gamester hold her beauty two winters together.

But there is still another case in which the body is more endangered than in the former. All play-debts must be paid in specie, or by an equivalent. The man that plays beyond his income pawns his estate; the woman must find out something else to mortgage, when her pin
mone

money is gone: The husband has his lands to dispose of, the wife her person. Now when the female body is once *dipped*, if the creditor be very importunate, I leave my reader to consider the consequences. 



N^o 121. THURSDAY, July 30.

Hinc exaudiri gemitus, iræque leonum.

VIRG. ÆN. 7. v. 15.

Hence to our ear the roar of lions came.

Roarings of the Lion.

OLD NESTOR,

EVER since the first notice you gave of the erection of that useful monument of yours in Button's coffee-house, I have had a restless ambition to imitate the renowned London Prentice, and boldly venture my hand down the throat of your lion. The subject of this letter is a relation of a club whereof I am member, and which has made a considerable noise of late, I mean the Silent Club. The year of our institution is 1694, the number of members twelve, and the place of our meeting is Dumb's Alley in Holborn. We look upon ourselves as the relicks of the old Pythagoreans, and have this maxim in common with them, which is the foundation of our design, that "Talking spoils company." The president of our society is one who was born deaf and dumb, and owes that blessing to nature, which in the rest of us is owing to industry alone. I find upon inquiry, that the greater part of us are married men, and such whose wives are remarkably loud at home. Hither we fly for refuge, and enjoy at once the two greatest and most valuable blessings, company and retirement. When that eminent relation of yours, the Spectator, published his weekly papers, and gave us that remarkable account of his silence (for you must know, tho' we don't read,

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(if we inspect all such useful essays) we seemed un-
 willing to invite him to partake our secrecy, but it
 unluckily objected, that he had just then published
 his course of his at his own club, and had not arrived
 at that happy inactivity of the tongue, which we expect
 from a man of his understanding. You will wonder
 perhaps, how we managed this debate; but it will
 easily be accounted for, when I tell you that our fingers
 are as nimble, and as infallible interpreters of our
 thoughts, as other mens tongues are; yet even
 mechanic eloquence is only allowed upon the weightiest
 occasions. We admire the wise institutions of the
 Turks, and other eastern nations, where all commands
 are performed by officious mutes; and we wonder that
 the polite courts of Christendom should come forth
 in support of the majesty of barbarians. Ben Johnson
 gained an eternal reputation among us by his play
 called The Silent Woman. Every member here is another
 Morose while the club is sitting, but at home may talk
 as much and as fast as his family occasions require
 without breach of statute. The advantages we derive
 from this quaker-like assembly are many. We confess
 that the understanding of man is liable to mistake, and
 his will fond of contradictions; that disputes which
 are of no weight in themselves, are often of
 considerable in their effects. The disuse of the tongue
 is the only effectual remedy against these. All passions
 concerns, all private scandal, all insults over another
 man's weaker reasons, must there be lost, where
 disputes arise. Another advantage which follows from
 the first (and which is very rarely to be met with
 that we are all upon the same level in conversation.
 A wag of my acquaintance used to add a third,
 that, if ever we do debate, we are sure to have all
 arguments at our fingers ends. Of all Longinus's
 marks, we are most enamoured with that excellent
 sage, where he mentions Ajax's silence as one of
 noblest instances of the sublime, and (if you will allow
 me to be free with a namesake of yours) I should think
 that the everlasting story-teller, Nestor, had he been
 likened to the ass instead of our hero, he had suffered
 less by the comparison.



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Now you must know, dear sir, that if you do not take
 care to suppress this exorbitant growth of the female
 chest, all that is left of my waist must inevitably
 perish. It is at this time reduced to the depth of four
 inches, by what I have already made over to my neck.
 But if the stripping design mentioned by Mrs. Fig-
 leaf yesterday, should take effect, sir, I dread to
 think what it will come to. In short, there is no
 help for it, my girdle and all must go. This is the
 naked truth of the matter. Have pity on me then,
 my dear Guardian, and preserve me from being so in-
 humanly exposed. I do assure you that I follow your
 precepts as much as a young woman can, who will
 live in the world without being laughed at. I have
 no hooped petticoat, and when I am a matron will
 wear broad tuckers whether you succeed or no. If
 the flying project takes, I intend to be the last in
 wings, being resolved in every thing to behave myself
 as becomes



Your most obedient ward.



N^o 122. FRIDAY, July 31.

Nec magis expressi vultus per aenea signa.

HOR. Ep. 1. l. 2. v. 248

IMITATED.

Not with such majesty, such bold relief,
 The forms august, of king, or conqu'ring chief,
 E'er swell'd on marble.

POPE.

THAT I may get out of debt with the public
 as fast as I can, I shall here give them the remain-
 ing part of Strada's criticism on the Latin heroic poets.
 My readers may see the whole work in the three papers
 numbered 115, 119, 122. Those who are acquainted
 with the authors themselves cannot but be pleased to
 see them so justly represented; and as for those

have never perused the originals, they may form a sentiment of them from such accurate and entertaining . . . The whole piece will show at least how a man of (and none else should call himself a critic) can turn the driest art a pleasing amusement.

The Sequel of STRADA's preclusion.

The poet who personated Ovid, gives an account of the chryso-magnet, or of the loadstone, which attracts iron after the same manner as the common loadstone attracts iron. The author, that he might express Ovid's fancy of thinking, derives this virtue to the chryso-magnet by a poetical metamorphosis.

I was sitting by a well (says he) when I was a ring dropped into it, when immediately my father fastening a certain stone to the end of a line, let it down into the well. It no sooner touched the surface of the water, but the ring leaped up from the bottom and clung to it in such a manner, that he drew it up like a fish. My father seeing me wonder at the experiment, gave me the following account of it.

Democriton and Pyrrha went about the world to instruct mankind by throwing stones over their heads, upon whom who rose from them differed in their inclination according to the places on which the stones fell.

Those which fell in the fields became plowmen and husbandmen. Those which fell into the water produced sailors and fishermen. Those that fell among the woods and forests gave birth to huntsmen. Among the rest there were several that fell upon mountains that had veins of gold and silver in them. This last race of men immediately betook themselves to the search of these precious metals; but nature being displeased to see herself ransacked, withdrew these treasures towards the bowels of the earth. The avarice of man however persisted in its former pursuits, and ransacked her inmost secrets in quest of the riches which they contained. Nature seeing herself thus plundered by a swarm of miners, so highly incensed, that she shook the whole place with an earthquake, and buried the men under their own ruins. The Stygian flames, which lay in the neighbourhood

bourhood of these deep mines, broke out at the same time with great fury, burning up the whole mass of human limbs and earth, into stone. The human bodies that were delving in iron mines were converted into those common loadstones which attract that metal. Those which were in search of gold became chryso-magnets, and still keep their former avarice in their present state of petrefaction.

Ovid had no sooner given over speaking, but the assembly pronounced their opinions of him. Several were so taken with his easy way of writing, and had so formed their tastes upon it, that they had no relish for any composition which was not framed in the Ovidian manner. A great many, however, were of a contrary opinion; till at length it was determined by a plurality of voices, that Ovid highly deserved the name of a witty man; but that his language was vulgar and trivial, and of the nature of those things which cost no labour in the invention, but are ready found out to a man's hand. In the last place, they all agreed, that the greatest objection which lay against Ovid, both as to his life and writings, was his having too much wit, and that he would have succeeded better in both, had he rather checked than indulged it. Statius stood up next with a swelling and haughty air, and made the following story the subject of his poem.

A German and a Portuguese, when Vienna was besieged, having had frequent contests of rivalry, were preparing for a single duel, when on a sudden the wall were attacked by the enemy. Upon this both the German and Portuguese consented to sacrifice their private resentments to the public, and to see who could signalize himself most upon the common foe. Each of them did wonders in repelling the enemy from different parts of the wall. The German was at length engaged amidst a whole army of Turks, till his left arm that held the shield was unfortunately lopped off, and he himself stunned with a blow he had received, that he fell down as dead. The Portuguese seeing the condition of his rival, very generously flew to his succour, dispersed the multitude that were gathered about him, and fought



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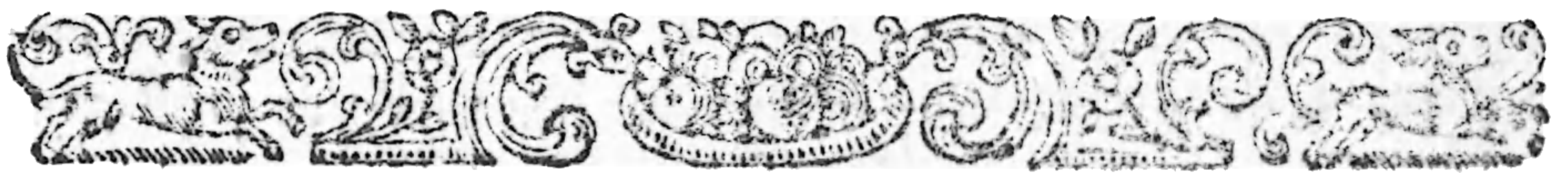
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by a very ingenious gentleman in one of Mr. Dryden's miscellanies, I shall here give no further account of it. When he had done, the whole assembly declared the works of this great poet a subject rather for their admiration than for their applause, and that if any thing was wanting in Virgil's poetry, it was to be ascribed to a deficiency in the art itself, and not in the genius of this great man. There were, however, some envious murmurs and detractions heard among the crowd, as if there were very frequently verses in him which flagged or wanted spirit, and were rather to be looked upon as faultless than beautiful. But these injudicious censures were heard with a general indignation.

I need not observe to my learned reader, that the foregoing story of the German and Portuguese is almost the same in every particular with that of the two rival soldiers in Cæsar's Commentaries. This prologue ends with the performance of an Italian poet full of those little witticisms and conceits which have infected the greatest part of modern poetry.



N^o 123. SATURDAY, August 1.

— — — Hic murus aheneus esto,
Nil conscire sibi — — —

HOR. Ep. 1. l. 1. v. 60.

IMITATED.

True, conscious honour, is to feel no sin:
He's arm'd without that's innocent within;
Be this thy screen, and this thy wall of brass.

P O P E.

THERE are a sort of knights-errant in the world, who, quite contrary to those in romance, are perpetually seeking adventures to bring virgins into distress, and to ruin innocence. When men of rank and figure pass away their lives in these criminal pursuits and practices, they ought to consider that they render themselves more vile and despicable than any innocent

can be, whatever low station his fortune placed him in. Title and ancestry render him more illustrious, but an ill one more con-

er's merit sets thee up to view,
 ts thee in the fairest point of light,
 thy virtues, or thy faults, conspicuous. Cato.

often wondered, that these deflourers of innocence, though dead to all the sentiments of virtue and not restrained by compassion and humanity, bring sorrow, confusion and infamy into a wound the heart of a tender parent, and afflict the life of a poor deluded young woman with a pain that can never be wiped off, are circumstances which should think sufficient to check the most violent passions of a heart which has the least tincture of pity and humanity. Would any one purchase the gratification of a moment at so dear a rate? and entail a lasting sorrow on others, for such a transient satisfaction to himself, for a satisfaction that is sure, at some time or other, to be followed with remorse? I am led to reflect by two letters which came lately to my eyes. The last of them is, it seems, the copy of one written by a mother to one who had abused her daughter; I cannot justify her sentiments at the latter end, but they are such as might arise in a mind which has recovered its temper after so great a provocation. I present the reader with it as I received it, and think it gives a lively idea of the affliction which a parent suffers on such an occasion.

—shire, July, 1713.

Another day I went into the house of one of my tenants, whose wife was formerly a servant in a noble family, and (by my grandmother's kindness) had her education with my mother from her infancy, so that she is of a spirit and understanding superior to those of her own rank. I found her a poor woman in the utmost disorder of mind and wept in tears, and reduced to a condition

‘ that looked rather like stupidity than grief. She lean-
 ‘ ed upon her arm over a table, on which lay a letter
 ‘ folded up and directed to a certain nobleman very fa-
 ‘ mous in our parts for low intrigue, (or in plainer words)
 ‘ for debauching country girls; in which number is the
 ‘ unfortunate daughter of my poor tenant, as I learn
 ‘ from the following letter written by her mother. I
 ‘ have sent you here a copy of it, which, made publick
 ‘ in your paper, may perhaps furnish useful reflexions to
 ‘ many men of figure and quality, who indulge them-
 ‘ selves in a passion which they possess but in common
 ‘ with the vilest part of mankind.

My Lord,

“ **L** A S T night I discovered the injury you have
 “ done to my daughter. Heaven knows how
 “ long and piercing a torment that short-liv’d shameful
 “ pleasure of yours must bring upon me; upon me,
 “ from whom you never received any offence. This
 “ consideration alone should have deterred a noble
 “ mind from so base and ungenerous an act. But, alas!
 “ what is all the grief that must be my share, in com-
 “ parison of that, with which you have requited her by
 “ whom you have been obliged? Loss of good name,
 “ anguish of heart, shame and infamy, are what must
 “ inevitably fall upon her, unless she gets over them by
 “ what is much worse, open impudence, professed
 “ lewdness, and abandoned prostitution. These are the
 “ returns you have made to her, for putting in your
 “ power all her livelihood and dependence, her vir-
 “ tue and reputation. O, my Lord, should my son
 “ have practised the like on one of your daughters?
 “ —I know you swell with indignation at the very
 “ mention of it, and would think he deserved a thou-
 “ sand deaths, should he make such an attempt upon the
 “ honour of your family. ’Tis well, my lord. And
 “ is then the honour of your daughter, whom still,
 “ though it had been violated, you might have maintain-
 “ ed in plenty and even luxury, of greater moment
 “ to her, than to my daughter hers, whose only suste-
 “ nance it was? And must my son, void of all the ad-
 “ vantages of a generous education, must he, I say,
 “ consider:



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N^o 124. MONDAY, August

Quid fremat in terris violentius?-----

What roar more dreadful in the world is

More Roarings of the Lion

Mr. GUARDIAN,

BEFORE I proceed to make y
 it will be necessary to inform you
 mon ferocity in my countenance, to
 remarkable flatness of my nose, and
 mouth have long since procured me t
 in this our university.

The vast emolument that, in all p
 accrue to the publick from the roarin
 elected likeness at Button's, hath mad
 being as like him in that part of his
 am told I already am in all parts of my j
 fore I most humbly propose to you, th
 possible for this one lion to roar, either
 loud enough against all things that
 in these realms) you would appoint hi
 a "præfectus provinciæ," in every co
 Britain; and it is my request, that I n
 his under-roarer in this university, tow
 Cambridge, as my resemblance does, i
 claim that I should.

I shall follow my metropolitan's ex
 ing only against those enormities tha
 and trivial for the notice or censure
 strates, and shall communicate my r
 monthly, or oftener if occasion requires
 in your papers "cum privilegio."

I shall not omit giving informations o
 ment or decay of punning, and may c
 upon the rise and fall of tuckers; t

d and spare not, to the terror of, at present, a flourishing society of people called Lowngers, whom I have observed to be mostly itinerant, and who think they have already too much good sense of their own, to be in need of staying at home to read the papers of other peoples.

I have, Sir, a raven that shall serve, by way of messenger, to bring me in provisions, which I shall chew and digest for the principal; and I hereby give notice, to all under my jurisdiction, that whoever is willing to contribute to this good design, and will affix their information to the leg or neck of the aforefaid raven or jackall, they will be thankfully received by their (but more particularly

Your) humble servant,

In my den at ———
Cambridge,

LEO the Second.

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N. B. The raven won't bite.

IRONSIDE,

BEARING that your unicorn is now in hand, and not questioning but his horn will prove a panacea to you; I desire that in order to introduce you will consider the following proposal.

My wife and I intend a dissertation upon horns; the province she has chosen is, the planting of them, [I am to treat of their growth, improvement, &c. The work is like to swell so much upon our hands, that we are afraid we shall not be able to bear the charge of printing it without a subscription; wherefore I hope you will invite the city into it, and desire those who have any thing by them relating to that part of natural history to communicate it to,

S I R,

Your humble servant,

HUMPHRY BINICORN.

S I R,

S I R,

‘ I Humbly beg leave to drop a song into your lion’s
 ‘ mouth, which will very truly make him roar like
 ‘ any nightingale. It is fallen into my hands by chance,
 ‘ and is a very fine imitation of the works of many of
 ‘ our English lyricks. It cannot but be highly accept-
 ‘ able to all those who admire the translations of Ita-
 ‘ lian operas.

I.

Oh the charming month of May!
 Oh the charming month of May!
 When the breezes fan the trees
 Full of blossoms fresh and gay——
 Full, &c.

II.

Oh what joys our prospects yield!
 Charming joys our prospects yield!
 In a new livery when we see every
 Bush and meadow, tree and field——
 Bush, &c.

III.

Oh how fresh the morning air!
 Charming fresh the morning air!
 When the zephyrs and the heifers
 Their odoriferous breath compare——
 Their, &c.

IV.

Oh how fine our ev’ning walk!
 Charming fine our ev’ning walk!
 When the nighting-gale delighting
 With her song suspends our talk——
 With her, &c.

V.

Oh how sweet at night to dream!
 Charming sweet at night to dream!
 On mossy pillows, by the trilloes
 Of a gentle purling stream——
 Of a, &c.



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‘ without a morsel to gain his favour, and had provid-
 ‘ ed what I hope would have pleas’d, but was unluckily
 ‘ prevented by the preiense of a bear, which constantly,
 ‘ as I approached with my present, threw his eyes in my
 ‘ way, and flared me out of my resolution. I must not
 ‘ forget to tell you, my younger daughter and your ward
 ‘ is hard at work about her tucker, having never from
 ‘ her infancy laid aside the modesty-piece.

I am,

Venerable NESTOR,

Your friend and servant,

P. N.

‘ I was a little surpriz’d, having read some of your li-
 ‘ on’s roarings, that a creature of such eloquence should
 ‘ want a tongue, but he has other qualifications which
 ‘ make good that deficiency. 



N^o 125. TUESDAY, August 4.

-----Nunc formosissimus annus. VIRG. Ecl. 3. v. 57.

Now the gay year in all her charms is drest.

MEN of my age receive a greater pleasure from
 fine weather, than from any other sensual enjoy-
 ment of life. In spite of the auxiliary bottle, or any
 artificial heat, we are apt to droop under a gloomy
 sky; and taste no luxury like a blue firmament and
 sun-shine. I have often, in a splenetick fit, wished my-
 self a dormouse, during the winter; and I never see one
 of those snug animals, wrapt up close in his fur, and
 compactly happy in himself, but I contemplate him with
 envy beneath the dignity of a philosopher. If the art of
 flying were brought to perfection, the use that I should
 make of it would be to attend the sun round the world,
 and pursue the spring through every sign of the Zodiac.

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This love of warmth makes my heart glad at the return of the spring. How amazing is the change in the face of nature; when the earth, from being bound with frost, or covered with snow, begins to put forth her plants and flowers, to be clothed with green, diversified with ten thousand various dyes; and to exhale such fresh and charming odours, as fill every living creature with delight!

Full of thoughts like these, I make it a rule to lose as little as I can of that blessed season; and accordingly rise with the sun, and wander through the fields, throw myself on the banks of little rivulets, or lose myself in the woods. I spent a day or two this spring at a country gentleman's seat, where I feasted my imagination every morning with the most luxurious prospect I ever saw. I usually took my stand by the wall of an old castle built upon an high hill. A noble river ran at the foot of it, which after being broken by a heap of misshapen stones, glided away in a clear stream, and wandering through two woods on each side of it in many windings, shone here and there at a great distance thro' the trees. I could trace the mazes for some miles, till my eye was led through two ridges of hills, and terminated by a vast mountain in another county.

I hope the reader will pardon me for taking his eye from our present subject of the spring, by this land-ship, since it is at this time of the year only that prospects excel in beauty. But if the eye is delighted, the ear hath likewise its proper entertainment. The musick of the birds at this time of the year, hath something in it so wildly sweet, as makes me less relish the most elaborate compositions of Italy. The vigour which the warmth of the sun pours afresh into their veins, prompts them to renew their species; and thereby puts the male upon wooing his mate, with more mellow warblings, and to swell his throat with more violent modulations. It is an amusement by no means below the dignity of a rational soul, to observe the pretty creatures flying in pairs, to mark the different passions in their intrigues, the curious contexture of their nests, and their care and tenderness of their little offspring.

I am

I am particularly acquainted with a wagtail and his spouse, and made many remarks upon the several gallanties he hourly used, before the coy female would consent to make him happy. When I saw in how many airy rings he was forced to pursue her; how sometimes she tripped before him in a pretty pitty-pat step, and scarce seemed to regard the covering of his wings, and the many awkward and foppish contortions into which he put his body to do her homage, it made me reflect upon my own youth, and the caprices of the fair but fantastic *Teraminta*. Often have I wished that I understood the language of birds, when I have heard him exert an eager chuckle at her leaving him; and do not doubt, but that he muttered the same vows and reproaches which I often have vented against that unrelenting maid.

The sight that gave me the most satisfaction, was a flight of young birds, under the conduct of the father, and indulgent directions and assistance of the dam. I took particular notice of a beau gold-finch, who was picking his plumes, pruning his wings, and, with great diligence, adjusting all his gaudy garniture. When he had equipt himself with great trimness and nicety, he stretched his painted neck, which seemed to brighten with new glowings, and strained his throat into many wild notes and natural melody. He then flew about the nest in several circles and windings, and invited his wife and children into open air. It was very entertaining to see the trembling and the fluttering of the little strangers, at their first appearance in the world, and the different care of the male and female parent, so suitable to their several sexes. I could not take my eye quickly from so entertaining an object; nor could I help wishing, that creatures of a superior rank, would so manifest their mutual affection, and so cheerfully concur in providing for their offspring.

I shall conclude this tattle about the spring, which I usually call "the youth and health of the year," with some verses which I transcribe from a manuscript poem upon hunting. The author gives directions, that hounds should breed in the spring, whence he takes occasion, after the manner of the ancients, to make



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Bold Nimrod first the lions trophies wore,
 The panther bound, and lanc'd the bristling boar;
 He taught to turn the hare, to bay the deer,
 And wheel the courser in his mid career:
 Ah! had he there restrain'd his tyrant hand!
 Let me, ye pow'rs, an humbler wreath demand:
 No pomps I ask, which crowns and sceptres yield;
 Nor dang'rous laurels in the dusty field;
 Fast by the forest, and the limpid spring,
 Gave me the warfare of the woods to sing,
 To breed my whelps, and healthful preys the game,
 A mean, inglorious, but a guiltless name.



N^o 126. WEDNESDAY, August 5.

Homo sum, humani nihil à me alienum puto.

TER. Heaut. Act. 1. Sc. 1.

I am a man, and have a fellow-feeling of every thing belonging to man.

IF we consider the whole scope of the creation that lies within our view, the moral and intellectual, as well as the natural and corporeal, we shall perceive throughout a certain correspondence of the parts, a similitude of operation and unity of design, which plainly demonstrate the universe to be the work of one infinitely good and wise Being; and that the system of thinking beings is actuated by laws derived from the same divine power which ordained those by which the corporeal system is upheld.

From the contemplation of the order, motion and cohesion of natural bodies, philosophers are now agreed, that there is a mutual attraction between the most distant parts at least of this solar system. All those bodies that revolve round the sun are drawn towards each other, and towards the sun, by some secret, uniform and never-ceasing principle. Hence it is, that the earth (as well as the other planets) without flying off in a tangent line,

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constantly rolls about the sun, and the moon about the earth, without deserting her companion in so many thousand years. And as the larger systems of the universe are held together by this cause, so likewise the particular lobes derive their cohesion and consistence from it.

Now if we carry our thoughts from the corporeal to the moral world, we may observe in the spirits or minds of men, a like principle of attraction, whereby they are drawn together in communities, clubs, families, friendships, and all the various species of society. As in bodies, where the quantity is the same, the attraction is strongest between those which are placed nearest to each other, so it is likewise in the minds of men, 'cæteris paribus,' between those which are most nearly related. Bodies that are placed at the distance of many millions of miles, may nevertheless attract and constantly operate on each other, although this action do not draw itself by an union or approach of those distant bodies, so long as they are withheld by the contrary forces of other bodies, which, at the same time, attract them different ways, but would, on the supposed removal of all other bodies, mutually approach and unite with each other. The like holds with regard to the human soul, whose affection towards the individuals of the same species, who are distantly related to it, is rendered inconspicuous by its more powerful attraction towards those who have a nearer relation to it. But as those are removed, the tendency which before lay concealed doth gradually disclose itself.

A man who has no family is more strongly attracted towards his friends and neighbours; and, if absent from these, he naturally falls into an acquaintance with those of his own city or country who chance to be in the same place. Two Englishmen meeting at Rome or Constantinople, soon run into a familiarity. And in China or Japan, Europeans would think their being so a good reason for their uniting in particular converse. Farther, if we suppose ourselves translated into jupiter or saturn, and there to meet a Chinese or other more distant native of our own planet, we should look on him as a near relation, and readily commence a friendship

with

with him. These are natural reflections, and such a may convince us that we are linked by an imperceptible chain to every individual of the human race.

The several great bodies which compose the solar system are kept from joining together at the common center of gravity by the rectilinear motions the author of nature has impressed on each of them, which concurring with the attractive principle from their respective orbits round the sun, upon the ceasing of which motion the general law of gravitation that is now thwarted would shew itself by drawing them all into one mass. After the same manner, in the parallel case of society, private passions and motions of the soul do often obstruct the operation of that benevolent uniting instinct implanted in human nature, which notwithstanding doth still exert, and will not fail to shew itself when those obstructions are taken away.

The mutual gravitation of bodies cannot be explained any other way than by resolving it into the immediate operation of God, who never ceases to dispose and actuate his creatures in a manner suitable to their respective beings. So neither can that reciprocal attraction in the minds of men be accounted for by any other cause. It is not the result of education, law, or fashion; but is a principle originally ingrafted in the very first formation of the soul by the author of our nature.

And as the attractive power in bodies is the most universal principle which produceth innumerable effects, and is a key to explain the various phenomena of nature; so the corresponding social appetite in human souls is the great spring and source of moral actions. This it is that inclines each individual to an intercourse with his species, and models every one to that behaviour which best suits with the common well-being. Hence that sympathy in our nature, whereby we feel the pains and joys of our fellow-creature. Hence that prevalent love in parents towards their children, which is neither founded on the merit of the object, nor yet on self-interest. It is this that makes us inquisitive concerning the affairs of distant nations which can have no influence on our own.



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“cannot see the wood for trees.” That a religion, whereof the main drift is to inspire its professors with the most noble and disinterested spirit of love, charity, and beneficence to all mankind, or, in other words, with a friendship to every individual man, should be taxed with the want of that very virtue, is surely a glaring evidence of the blindness and prejudice of its adversaries.



N^o 127. THURSDAY, August 6.

Lusit amabiliter-

He sported agreeably.

AN agreeable young gentleman, that has a talent for poetry, and does me the favour to entertain me with his performances after my more serious studies, read me yesterday the following translation. In this town, where there are so many women of prostituted charms, I am very glad when I gain so much time of reflexion from a youth of a gay turn, as is taken up in any composition, though the piece he writes is not foreign to that his natural inclination. For it is a great step towards gaining upon the passions, that there is a delicacy in the choice of their object; and to turn the imaginations towards a bride, rather than a mistress, is getting a great way towards being in the interests of virtue. It is an hopeless manner of reclaiming youth which has been practised by some moralists, to declaim against pleasure in general: No; the way is to shew, that the pleasurable course is that which is limited and governed by reason. In this case virtue is upon equal terms with vice, and has, with all the same indulgences of desire, the advantage of safety in honour and reputation. I have for this reason often thought of exercising my pupils, of whom I have several of admirable talents, upon writing little poems, or epigrams, which in a volume I would entitle the Seeing Cupid. These compositions should be written on the little advances made
towards

young lady of the strictest virtue, and all the
alluded to in them, should have something
leave her mind in its purest innocence, as
rate her person in its highest beauty. This
instruct a woman to be a good wife, all
as wooing her to be a bride. Imagination
ould go hand in hand in a generous amour,
otherwise, real discontent and aversion in
ceed the groundless and wild promise of
n courtship.

Venus from Claudian, being part of the
halamium on Honorius and Maria.

And Cyprian isle a mountain stands,
as a shadow into distant lands.
As by human feet is try'd,
As looks down with noble pride
As Nile, thro' seven wide channels spread,
Proteus in his oozy bed.
As no hoary frosts presume
myrtle shrubs, or nip the bloom.
With caution sweep the rising flow'rs,
As dews descend, and vernal show'rs.
As no wintry horrors bring,
As indulgence of eternal spring.
As jets in purple scenes appear,
As breezes soften all the year.
As curious soul, uncloy'd may rove,
As es still to circling pleasures move,
As beauty kindles endless love.

tain, when the summit once you gain,
As ees, and sinks into a plain;
As eas'd eye may flow'ry meads behold,
As branching oar, and hedg'd with gold.
As ge crops the gen'rous glebe supplies,
As harvests, unprovok'd, arise.
As zephyrs fann'd, the teeming soil
As grain, nor asks the peasant's toil.
As he bribes, the price of heav'nly charms,
As sea won to Vulcan's arms.

For such a bliss he such a gift bestow'd,
The rich, th' immortal labours of a god.

A sylvan scene, in solemn state display'd,
Flatters each feather'd warbler with a shade ;
But here no bird its painted wings can move,
Unless elected by the queen of love,
Ere made a member of this tuneful throng,
She hears the songster, and approves the song.
The joyous victors hop from spray to spray,
The vanquish'd fly with mournful notes away.

Branches in branches twin'd compose the grove,
And shoot, and spread, and blossom into love.
The trembling palms their mutual vows repeat,
And bending poplars bending poplars meet.
The distant platanes seem to press more nigh,
And to the sighing alder, alders sigh.
Blue heav'ns above them smile, and all below
Two murm'ring streams in wild meanders flow.
This, mix'd with gall, and that, like honey, sweet,
But ah ! too soon th' unfriendly waters meet !
Steep'd in these springs (if verse belief can gain)
The darts of love their double pow'r attain :
Hence all mankind a bitter sweet have found,
A painful pleasure, and a grateful wound.

Along the grassy banks in bright array
Ten thousand little loves their wings display.
Quivers and bows their usual sports proclaim,
Their dress, their stature, and their looks the same ;
Smiling in innocence, and ever young,
And tender, as the nymphs from whom they sprung,
For Venus did but boast one only son,
And rosy Cupid was that boasted one,
He, uncontroll'd, thro' heav'n extends his sway,
And gods and goddesses by turns obey :
Or if he stoops on earth, great prince burn,
Sicken on thrones, and wreath'd with laurels mourn.
Th' inferior pow'rs o'er hearts inferior reign,
And pierce the rural fair, or homely swain.



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hen shapes his way to reach the fronting gate,
doubles his majesty, and walks in state:

chanc'd, upon a radiant throne reclin'd,
Venus her golden tresses did unbind:
Proud to be thus employ'd in either hand
Her Italian sisters, rang'd in order, stand.
Ambrosial essence one bestows in show'r's,
And lavishly whole streams of nectar pours,
With Iv'ry combs another's dext'rous care
Her curls, or opens the dishevel'd hair.

Third, industrious with a nicer eye,
Instructs the ringlets in what form to lie:
Yet leaves some few, that, not so closely prest,
Sport in the wind, and wanton from the rest
Sweet negligence! by artful study wrought,
A graceful error, and a lovely fault.

The judgment of the glass is here unknown,
Where mirrors are supply'd by ev'ry stone.

Where'er the goddess turns, her image falls,
And a new Venus dances on the walls.

Now while she did her spotless form survey,
Seas'd with love's empire, and almighty sway,
He spy'd her son, and fir'd with eager joy
Sprung forwards, and embrac'd the fav'rite boy.



N^o 128. FRIDAY, August 7.

Delenda est Carthago-----

Demolish Carthage.

[T is usually thought, with great justice,
[pertinent thing in a private man to inter-
matters which regard the state. But the
which is mentioned in the following letter is
and so apparently design'd for the most traito-
rife imaginable, that I do not care what re-
tribution I suffer, when I expose it to the resent-
ment of men who value their country, or have any

he honour, safety, or glory of their queen. It is certain there is not much danger in delaying the demolition of Dunkirk during the life of his present most christian majesty, who is renowned for the most inviolable regard to treaties; but that pious prince is aged, and in case of his decease, now the power of France, and Spain is in the same family, it is possible an ambitious successor, (or his ministry in a king's minority) might dispute his being bound by the act of his predecessor in so weighty a particular.

Mr. IRONSIDE,

YOU employ your important moments, methinks, a little too frivolously, when you consider so often little circumstances of dress and behaviour, and never make mention of matters wherein you and all your fellow-subjects in general are concerned. I give you now an opportunity, not only of manifesting your loyalty to your queen, but your affection to your country, if you treat an insolence done to them both with the disdain it deserves. The inclosed printed paper in French and English has been handed about the town, and given gratis to passengers in the streets at noon-day. You see the title of it is, "A most humble address, or memorial, presented to her majesty the queen of Great-Britain, by the deputy of the magistrates of Dunkirk." The nauseous memorialist, with the most fulsome flattery tells the queen of her thunder, and of wisdom and clemency adored by all the earth, at the same time that he attempts to undermine her power, and escape her wisdom, by beseeching her to do an act which will give a well grounded jealousy to her people. What the sycophant desires is, That the mole and dikes of Dunkirk may be spared; and it seems, the Sieur Tugghe, for so the petitioner is called, was thunderstruck by the denunciation (which he lays) "the lord viscount Bolingbroke made to him," That her majesty did not think to make any alteration in the dreadful sentence she had pronounced against the town. Mr. IRONSIDE, I think you would do an act worthy your general humanity, if you would put the the Sieur Tugghe right in this matter, and let him know,

‘ know, That her majesty has pronounced no sentence
 ‘ against the town, but his most christian majesty has
 ‘ agreed that the town and harbour shall be demolished.

‘ That the British nation expect the immediate demo-
 ‘ lition of it.

‘ That the very common people know, that within
 ‘ three months after the signing of the peace, the works
 ‘ towards the sea, were to be demolished, and within
 ‘ three months after it the works towards the land.

‘ That the said peace was signed the last of March,
 ‘ O. S.

‘ That the parliament has been told from the queen,
 ‘ that the equivalent for it is in the hands of the French
 ‘ king.

‘ That the Sieur Tugghe has the impudence to ask the
 ‘ queen to remit the most material part of the articles
 ‘ of peace between her majesty and his master.

‘ That the British nation received more damage in
 ‘ their trade from the port of Dunkirk, than from al-
 ‘ most all the ports of France, either in the ocean or in
 ‘ the Mediterranean.

‘ That fleets of above thirty sail have come together
 ‘ out of Dunkirk, during the late war, and taken ships
 ‘ of war as well as merchant-men.

‘ That the Pretender sailed from thence to Scotland ;
 ‘ and that it is the only port the French have ’till you
 ‘ come to Brest, for the whole length of St. George’s
 ‘ channel, where any considerable naval armament can
 ‘ be made.

‘ That destroying the fortifications of Dunkirk is an
 ‘ inconsiderable advantage to England, in comparison to
 ‘ the advantage of destroying the mole, dikes and har-
 ‘ bour, it being the naval force from thence which only
 ‘ can hurt the British nation.

‘ That the British nation expect the immediate demo-
 ‘ lition of Dunkirk.

‘ That the Dutch, who suffered equally with us from
 ‘ those of Dunkirk, were probably induced to sign the
 ‘ treaty with France from this consideration, That the
 ‘ town and harbour of Dunkirk should be destroyed.

‘ That



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N^o 129. SATURDAY, August 8

— — Animaſque in vulnere ponunt.

VRG. Gec

And part with life, only to wound their foe

ANGER is ſo uneasy a gueſt in the ſoul, that he may be ſaid to be born unhappy. He is a rough and choleric diſpoſition. The poet has defined it to be “ a deſire of revenge for an offence offered.” Men of hot and heady temper are deſirous of vengeance, the very moment they ſeem to be injured: whereas the cool and ſerene watch proper opportunities to return grief for grief to their enemy: By this means it often happens that choleric inflict diſproportioned puniſhments for ſlight, and ſometimes imaginary offences; but the more ſerene and temperately revengeful have leiſure to weigh the merits of the cauſe; and thereby either to ſmother their reſentments, or to ſeek proper and adequate ſatisfaction for the damages they have ſuſtained. The former are apt to ſpeak well of the man of fury; but when the ſtorm is over, he is full of ſorrow and regret. But the truth is, he is apt to commit ſuch raſh actions in his madneſs, that when he comes to himſelf he is ſorry and tame then, for the ſame reaſon that he ran into the ſtorm “ only to give himſelf eaſe;” and is a friend to himſelf in both extremities. Men of this unhappy diſpoſition are frequently than any others, expect that others ſhould bear with their infirmities. Their fi

common excuses, that they cannot help it, that it was soon over, that they harbour no malice in their hearts, are arguments for pardoning a bull or a mastiff; but shall never reconcile me to an intellectual salvage. Why, indeed, should any one imagine, that persons, independent upon him, should venture into his society, who hath not yet so far subdued his boiling blood, but that he is ready to do something, the next minute, which he can never repair; and hath nothing to plead in his own behalf, but that he is apt to do mischief as fast as he can? Such a man may be feared, he may be pitied, he can never be loved.

I would not hereby be so understood, as if I meant to recommend slow and deliberate malice: I would only observe, that men of moderation are of a more amiable character than the rash and inconsiderate; but if they do not husband the talent that heaven hath bestowed upon them, they are as much more odious than the choleric, as the devil is more horrible than a brute. It is hard to say which of the two, when injured, is more troublesome to himself, or more hurtful to his enemy; the one is boisterous and gentle by fits, dividing his life between guilt and repentance, now all tempest, again all sun-shine: The other hath a smoother, but more lasting anguish, lying under a perpetual gloom; the latter is a cowardly man, the former a generous beast. If he may be held unfortunate who cannot be sure that he may do something the next minute which he shall lament during his life; what shall we think of him, who hath a soul so infected, that he can never be happy 'till he hath made another miserable? What wars may we imagine perpetually raging in his breast? What dark stratagems, unworthy designs, inhuman wishes, dreadful resolutions! A snake curled in many intricate mazes, ready to sting a traveller, and to hiss him in the pangs of death, is no unfit emblem of such an artful, unsearchable projector. Were I to choose an enemy, whether should I wish for one that would stab me suddenly; or one that would give me an Italian poison, subtle and lingering, yet as certainly fatal as the stroke of a stiletto: Let the reader determine the doubt in his own mind.

There is yet a third sort of revenge, if it may be called a third, which is compounded of the other two: I mean the mistaken honour which hath too often a place in generous breasts. Men of good education, though naturally choleric, restrain their wrath so far as to seek convenient times for vengeance. The single combat seems so generous a way of ending controversies, that, until we have stricter laws, the number of widows and orphans, and I wish I could not say, of wretched spirits will be increased. Of all the medals which have been struck in honour of a neighbouring monarch, there is not one which can give him so true renown as that upon the success of his edicts for ‘abolishing the impious practice of duelling’

What inclined me at present to write upon this subject, was the sight of the following letters, which I can assure the reader to be genuine. They concern two noble names among us; but the crime of which the gentlemen are guilty, bears too prevalently the name of honour, to need an apology to their relations for reviving the mention of their duel. But the dignity of wrath and the cool and deliberate preparation (by passing different climes, and waiting convenient seasons) for murdering each other, when we consider them as moved by a sense of honour, must raise in the reader as much compassion as horror.

A Monsieur Monsieur SACKVILLE.

‘ I That am in France hear how much you attribute to
 ‘ yourself in this time, that I have given the world
 ‘ leave to ring your praises * * * * *
 ‘ If you call to memory, whereas I gave you my hand
 ‘ last, I told you I reserved the heart for a truer reconciliation. Now be that noble gentleman, my love once
 ‘ spoke you, and come and do him right that could re-
 ‘ cite the trials you owe your birth and country, were
 ‘ not confident your honour gives you the same courage
 ‘ to do me right, that it did to do me wrong. Be ma-
 ‘ ster of your own weapons and time; the place where-
 ‘ soever I will wait on you. By doing this you shall shorten
 ‘ revenge, and clear the idle opinion the world hath of
 ‘ both our worths.

ED. BRUCE



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N^o 130. MONDAY, August 10.

...-Vacuum sine mente popellum. MUSÆ ANGLICANÆ.

An empty, thoughtless tribe.

AS the greatest part of mankind are more affected by things which strike the senses, than by excellences that are to be discerned by reason and thought, they form very erroneous judgments, when they compare the one with the other. An eminent instance of this is, that vulgar notion, that men addicted to contemplation are less useful members of society, than those of a different course of life. The business therefore of my present paper shall be to compare the distinct merits of the speculative and the active parts of mankind.

The advantages arising from the labours of generals and politicians are confined to narrow tracts of the earth; and while they promote the interest of their own country, they lessen or obstruct that of other nations. Whereas the light and knowledge that spring from speculation are not limited to any single spot, but equally diffused to the benefit of the whole globe. Besides, for the most part, the renown only of men of action is transmitted to distant posterity, their great exploits either dying with themselves, or soon after them; whereas speculative men continue to deserve well of the world thousands of years after they have left it. Their merit are propagated with their fame which is due to them, but a free gift to those whose beneficence has not outlived their persons.

What benefit do we receive from the renowned deeds of Cæsar or Alexander, that we should make them the constant themes of our praise? while the name of Pythagoras is more sparingly celebrated, though it be to him that we are indebted for our trade and riches. This may seem strange to a vulgar reader, but the following

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flexion will make it plain. That philosopher in the forty seventh proposition of the first book, which is the foundation of trigonometry frequently of navigation, upon which the commerce of Great Britain depends.

mathematicks are so useful and ornamental to life, that the ingenious Sir William Temple judges in some part of his writings, all those advantages which distinguish polite nations from barbarians to be derived from them. But as these sciences are the exterior parts of life, there are others of an excellent nature, that endue the heart with rules of virtue, and by opening our prospects, and raising our hopes, produce generous emotions and sentiments in the soul.

The sages of antiquity, who by transmission to us their speculations upon good and evil, the providence, and the dignity and duration of human beings, have imprinted an idea of morality on the minds of men, are most eminent ornaments to human nature; and, however overlooked and despised, and thoughtless applauses that are every where given on the slaughterers and disturbers of mankind, yet they will never want the esteem and approbation of the wise and virtuous.

An apology in behalf of the speculative part of philosophy, who make useful truth the end of their business, and the acquisition thereof the business as well as entertainment of their lives, seems not improper, in order to correct the mistake of those, who measure merit by outward appearance, and are too apt to deride and ridicule men of thought and retirement, and the illery and reproaches which are thrown on them by those who abound in the animal life, would need to think the world not sufficiently convinced that whatever is good or excellent proceeds from reflection and reflexion.

Those who only regard truth as such, without communicating their thoughts, or applying them to the service of the world, will seem worthy members of the commonwealth, if we compare the innocence and tranquillity with which they pass their lives, with the fraud and

impenitence of other men. But the number of those who by abstracted thoughts become useless, is inconsiderable in respect of them who are hurtful to mankind by an active and restless disposition.

As in the distribution of other things, so in the wisdom of providence appears, that men addicted to intellectual pursuits, bear a small proportion to those who rejoice in exerting the force and activity of their corporeal organs; for operations of the latter sort are limited to a narrow extent of time and place, whereas those of the mind are permanent and universal. Plato and Euclid enjoy a sort of immortality upon earth, at this day read lectures to the world.

But if to inform the understanding, and regulate the will, is the most lasting and diffusive benefit, there is not to be found so useful and excellent an institution as that of the christian priesthood, which is now become the scorn of fools. That a numerous order of men should be consecrated to the study of the most sublime and beneficial truths, with a design to propagate them by their discourses and writings, to inform their fellow creatures of the being and attributes of the Deity, to possess their minds with the sense of a future state, and not only to explain the nature of every virtue and moral duty, but likewise to persuade mankind to the practice of them by the most powerful and engaging motives, is a thing so excellent and necessary to the well-being of the world that no body but a modern free-thinker could have the forehead or folly to turn it into ridicule.

The light in which these points should be exposed to the view of one who is prejudiced against the name of *religion, church, priest*, and the like, is to consider the clergy as so many philosophers, the churches as schools, and their sermons as lectures, for the information and improvement of the audience. How would the heathens of Socrates or Tully have rejoiced, had they lived in a nation, where the law had made provision for philosophers, to read lectures of morality and theology at the public charge throughout the whole country, at which lectures all ranks and sexes without distinction were obliged to be present for their general improvement.



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gain a more just and adequate idea of these distinctions, than by defining the gentleman to be his occupation lies in the exertion of his rational faculties, and the mechanic him who is employed in the use of his animal parts, or the organic parts of his nature.

The concurring assent of the world, in preferring liberal arts to mechanics, seems founded in that preference which the rational part of our nature is intitled to above the animal; when we consider it in itself, as the seat of wisdom and understanding, as it is pure and immortal, and as it is that which, of all the faculties of the creation, bears the brightest impress of the divine light.

It does not claim the same dignity and pre-eminence, if we compare it with respect to its object. Mechanical motions or operations are confined to a narrow circle of small and little things. Whereas reason inquires concerning the nature of intellectual beings, the great end of our existence, its end, and the proper method of attaining it. Or, in case that noble faculty submits to nearer objects, it is not, like the organs of sense, confined to a slow and painful manner of action, but shifts the scenes, and applies itself to the most distant objects with incredible ease and dispatch. Neither are the operations of the mind, like those of the hand, directed to one individual object, but at once extended to the whole species.

And as we have shewn the intellectual powers to be more noble than those of motion, both in their own nature and in regard to their object, the same will still hold true if we consider their office. It is the province of the former to preside and direct, of the latter to execute and obey. Those who apply their hands to the materials, are the immediate builders of an edifice, but the beauty and proportion of it is owing to the architect who designs the plan in his closet. And in like manner, whatever there is either in art or nature, of use or regard, will be found to proceed from the superior principle of reason and understanding. These reflexions are obvious to every eye, do nevertheless seem not sufficiently attended to by those who, being at great pains to improve

improve the figure and motions of the body, neglect the culture of the mind.

From the premises it follows, that a man may descend from an ancient family, wear fine clothes, and be master of what is commonly called good-breeding, and yet not merit the name of *gentleman*. All those whose principal accomplishments consist in the exertion of the mechanic powers, whether the organ made use of be the eye, the muscles of the face, the fingers, feet, or any other part, are in the eye of reason to be esteemed mechanics.

I do therefore, by these presents, declare, that all men and women, by what title soever distinguished, whose occupation it is either to ogle with the eye, flirt with the fan, dress, cringe, adjust the muscles of the face, or other parts of the body, are degraded from the rank of gentry; which is from this time forward appropriated to those who employ the talents of the mind in the pursuit of knowledge and practice of virtue, and are content to take their places as they are distinguished by moral and intellectual accomplishments.

The rest of the human species come under the appellation of mechanics, with this difference, that the professed mechanics, who, not pretending to be gentlemen, contain themselves within their proper sphere, are necessary to the well-being of mankind, and consequently should be more respected in a well-regulated commonwealth, than those mechanics who make a merit of being useless.

Having hitherto considered the human species as distinguished into gentlemen and mechanics, I come now to treat of the *machines*, a sort of beings that have the outside or appearance of men, without being really such. The free-thinkers have often declared to the world, that they are not actuated by any incorporeal being or spirit, but that all the operations they exert proceed from the collision of certain corpuscles, endued with proper figures and motions. It is now a considerable time that I have been their profelyte in this point. I am even so far convinced that they are in the right, that I shall attempt proving it to others.

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The mind being itself invisible, there is no other way to discern its existence, than by the effects which it produceth. Where design, order and symmetry are visible in the effects, we conclude the cause to be an intelligent being; but where nothing of these can be found, we ascribe the effect to hazard, necessity, or the like. Now I appeal to any one who is conversant in the modern productions of our free-thinkers, if they do not look rather like effects of chance, or at best of mechanism, than of a thinking principle, and consequently whether the authors of those rhapsodies are no mere machines.

The same point is likewise evident from their own assertion, it being plain that no one could mistake thought for motion, who knew what thought was. For these reasons I do hereby give it in charge to all Christians, that hereafter they speak of free-thinkers in the neuter gender, using the term *it* for *him*. They are to be considered as Automata, made up of bones and muscles, nerves, arteries and animal spirits; not so innocent indeed, but as destitute of thought and reason as those little machines which the excellent author from whom I take the motto of this paper has so elegantly described.



N^o 131. TUESDAY, August 11.

Iter pigrorum quasi sepes spinarum. Ex. Latin. Prov.

The way of the slothful man is an hedge of thorns.
Prov. xv. 19.

TH E R E are two sorts of persons within the consideration of my frontispiece; the first are the mighty body of lingerers, persons who do not indeed employ their time criminally, but are such pretty innocents, who, as the poet says,

— waste away
In gentle inactivity the day.



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less objections arise, that make the dispatch of it impossible; and he cries out with Solomon, There is a lion in the way, a lion in the streets; that is, there is some difficulty or other, which to his imagination is as invincible as a lion really would be. The man, on the contrary, that applies himself to books, or business, contracts a cheerful confidence in all his undertakings, from the daily improvements of his knowledge or fortune, and instead of giving himself up to

Thick-ey'd musing curs'd melancholy, SHAKESPEARE has that constant life in his visage and conversation, which the idle splenetic man borrows sometimes from the sunshine, exercise, or an agreeable friend. A recluse idleness and sobriety must be attended with more bitter remorse, than the most active debauchery can at any intervals be mended with. The rake, if he is a cautious manager, will allow himself very little time to examine his own conduct, and will bestow as few reflexions upon himself as the lingerer does upon any thing else, unless he has the misfortune to repent. I repeat the misfortune to repent, because I have put the great day to account out of the present case, and am now inquiring not whose life is most irreligious, but most inconvenient. A gentleman that has formerly been a vehement lingerer, and something splenetic, informs me, that in one winter he drank six hampers of Spaw water, several gallons of Chalybeate tincture, two hog heads of bitters, at the rate of 60l. an hoghead, and lost one hundred and fifty infallible schemes, in every one of which he was disappointed, received a thousand affronts during the north-easterly winds, and in short run through more misery and expence, than the most meritorious bravo could boast of. Another tells me, that he fell into this way at the university, where the young are too apt to be lulled into a state of such tranquillity as prejudices them against the bustle of that worldly business, for which this part of their education should prepare them. As he could with the utmost secrecy be in his own chamber, he says he was for some years irrecoverably sunk, and immersed in the luxury of an easy chair, though at the same time, in the general opinion

passed for a hard student. During this lethargy he had some intervals of application to books, which rather aggravated than suspended the painful thoughts of a life spent in idleness. Thus his supposed relief became his punishment, and like the damned in Milton, upon their conveyance at certain revolutions from fire to ice,

— He felt by turns the bitter change
Of fierce extremes, extremes by change more fierce.

When he had a mind to go out, he was so scrupulous as to form some excuse or other which the idle are ever provided with, and could not satisfy himself without this ridiculous appearance of justice. Sometimes by his own contrivance and insinuation, the woman that looked after his chamber would convince him of the necessity of washing his room, or any other matter of the like joyous import, to which he always submitted, after having recently opposed it, and made his exit with much seeming reluctance, and inward delight. Thus did he pass the noon of his life in the solitude of a monk, and the guilt of a libertine. He is since awakened by application out of slumber, has no more spleen than a Dutchman, who, as Sir W. Temple observes, is not delicate enough to suffer from this enemy, but 'is always well when he is not ill, always pleased when he is not angry.'

There is a gentleman I have seen at a coffee-house near the place of my abode, who having a pretty good taste, and a disinclination to books or business, to secure himself from some of the above-mentioned misfortunes, employs himself with much alacrity in the following method. Being vehemently disposed to loquacity, he has a person constantly with him, to whom he gives an annual pension for no other merit but being very attentive, and never interrupting him by question and answer, whatever he may utter that may seemingly require it. To secure to himself discourse, his fundamental maxim seems to be, by no means to consider what he is going to say. He delivers therefore every thought as it first intrudes itself upon him, and then, with all the freedom

dom you could wish, will examine it, and rally the impertinence, or evince the truth of it. In short, he took the same pleasure in confuting himself, as he could have done in discomfiting an opponent: And his discourse was as that of two persons attacking each other with exceeding warmth, incoherence, and good-nature. There is another, whom I have seen in the park, employing himself with the same industry, though not with the same innocence. He is very dextrous in taking flies and fixing one at each end of a horse hair, which his periwig supplies him with: He hangs them over a little stick, which suspension inclines them immediately to war upon each other, there being no possibility of retreat. From the frequent attention of his eyes to these combats, he perceives the several turns and advantage of the battle, which are altogether invisible to a common spectator. I the other day found him in the enjoyment of a couple of gigantic blue-bottles, which were hung out and embattled in the aforesaid warlike appointments. That I might enter into the secret shocks of this conflict, he lent me a magnifying glass, which presented me with an engagement between two of the most rueful monsters I have ever read of even in romance.

If we cannot bring ourselves to appoint and perform such tasks as would be of considerable advantage to us, let us resolve upon some other, however trifling, to be performed at appointed times. By this we may gain victory over a wandering unsettled mind, and by this regulation of the impulse of our wills, may, in time make them obedient to the dictates of our reason.

When I am disposed to treat of the irreligion of an idle life, it shall be under this head, ‘pereunt & impunitur:’ which is an inscription upon a sun-dial in one of the inns of court, and is with great propriety placed to public view in such a place, where the inhabitants being in an everlasting hurry of business or pleasure, the busy may receive an innocent admonition to keep their appointments, and the idle a dreadful one not to keep their:



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Dear Sir,

‘ YOU formerly observèd to me, that nothing makes
 ‘ a more ridiculous figure in a man’s life, than the
 ‘ disparity we often find in him sick and well. That
 ‘ one of an unfortunate constitution is perpetually exhibit-
 ‘ ing a miserable example of the weakness of his mind
 ‘ or of his body, in their turns. I have had frequent
 ‘ opportunities of late to consider myself in these differ-
 ‘ ent views, and hope I have received some advantage
 ‘ by it. If what Mr. Waller says be true, that

The soul’s dark cottage, batter’d and decay’d,

‘ Then surely sickness, contributing no less than old age
 ‘ to the shaking down this scaffolding of the body, may
 ‘ discover the inclosed structure more plainly. Sickness
 ‘ is a sort of early old age ; it teaches us a diffidence
 ‘ of our earthly state, and inspires us with the thoughts
 ‘ of a future, better than a thousand volumes of philoso-
 ‘ phers and divines. It gives so warning a concussion
 ‘ to those props of our vanity, our strength and youth, that
 ‘ we think of fortifying ourselves within, when there is
 ‘ so little dependence on our outworks. Youth, at the
 ‘ very best, is but a betrayer of human life in a gentle
 ‘ and smoother manner than age : It is like a stream
 ‘ that nourishes a plant upon its bank, and causes it to
 ‘ flourish and blossom to the sight, but at the same time
 ‘ is undermining it at the root in secret. My youth has
 ‘ dealt more fairly and openly with me : it has afforded
 ‘ me several prospects of my danger, and given me an ad-
 ‘ vantage not very common to young men, that the at-
 ‘ tractions of the world have not dazzled me very much
 ‘ and I began where most people end, with a full con-
 ‘ viction of the emptiness of all sorts of ambition, and
 ‘ the unsatisfactory nature of all human pleasures.

‘ When a smart fit of sickness tells me this scurvy
 ‘ tenement of my body will fall in a little time, I am
 ‘ even as unconcerned as was that honest Hibernian, who
 ‘ (being in bed in the great storm some years ago, and

told the house would tumble over his head) made answer, "What care I for the house? I am only a lodger." I fancy it is the best time to die when one is in the best humour; and so excessively weak as I now am, I may say with conscience, that I am not at all uneasy at the thought that many men, whom I never had any esteem for, are likely to enjoy this world after me. When I reflect what an inconsiderable little atom every single man is, with respect to the whole creation, methinks it is a shame to be concerned at the removal of such a trivial animal as I am. The morning after my exit, the sun will arise as bright as ever, the flowers smell as sweet, the plants spring as green, the world will proceed in its old course, people will laugh as heartily, and marry as fast, as they were used to do.

The memory of man" (as it is elegantly expressed in the Wisdom of Solomon) "passeth away as the remembrance of a guest that tarrieth but one day." There are reasons enough, in the fourth chapter of the same book, to make any young man contented with the prospect of death. "For honourable age is not that which standeth in length of time, or is measured by number of years. But wisdom is the grey hair to men, and an unspotted life is old age." He was taken away speedily, lest that "wickedness should alter his understanding, or deceit beguile his soul."

I am, yours.

TO NESTOR IRONSIDE, Esq; Greeting.

Old DAD,

I AM so happy as to be the husband of a woman that never is in the wrong, and yet is at continual war with every body, especially with all her servants, and myself. As to her maids, she never fails of having at least a dozen or fourteen in each year, yet never has above one at a time, and the last that comes is always the worst that ever she had in her life; although they have given very good content in better families than mine for several years together: Not that she has the pleasure of turning them away, but she does so ferrit them about, *Forsooth* and *Mistress* them up, and so find fault

‘ fault with every thing they do, and talks to them so
 ‘ loud and so long, that they either give her immediate
 ‘ warning, or march off without any wages at all. So
 ‘ that through her great zeal and care to make them bet-
 ‘ ter servants than any in the world, and their obstina-
 ‘ cy in being no better than they can, our house is a sort
 ‘ of Bedlam, and nothing in order; for by that time a
 ‘ maid comes to know where things stand, whip, she is
 ‘ gone, and so we have not another in four or five days,
 ‘ and this all the year round: As to myself, all the
 ‘ world believes me to be one of the best of husbands, and
 ‘ I am of the world’s mind, till my dear Patient Grizzel
 ‘ comes to give her opinion about me, and then you
 ‘ would believe I am as bad as her maids. Oh, Mr.
 ‘ IRONSIDE, never was a woman used as she is. The
 ‘ world does not think how unhappy she is! I am a wolf
 ‘ in sheep’s clothing. And then her neighbours are so
 ‘ ill-natur’d, that they refuse to suffer her to say what
 ‘ she pleases of their families, without either returning
 ‘ her compliments, or withdrawing from her oratory;
 ‘ so that the poor woman has scarcely any society
 ‘ abroad, nor any comfort at home, and all through the
 ‘ sauciness of servants, and the unkindness of a husband
 ‘ that is so cruel to her, as to desire her to be quiet. But
 ‘ she is coming. I am in haste,

S I R, your humble servant,

NICHOLAS EARRING

S I R,

‘ **I** Hope you’ll not endure this Dumb Club, for I a
 ‘ the unlucky spouse of one of those gentlemen, and
 ‘ when my dear comes from this joyless society, I am an
 ‘ impertinent, noisy rattle-snake, my maid is a fancy
 ‘ slow, the man is a thick-skull’d puppy, and foundering
 ‘ like a horse; my cook is a tasteless ass; and if a child
 ‘ cry, the maid is a careless bear: If I have company
 ‘ they are a parcel of chattering magpies; if abroad,
 ‘ am a gagging goose; when I return, you are a fine
 ‘ galloper; women, like cats, should keep the house
 ‘ This is a frequent sentence with him. Consider some
 ‘ remedy against a temper that seldom speaks, and then
 ‘ speak



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‘ a sudden pretended weariness, and as I importun’d him
 ‘ to stay longer, he turned short, and pointing to a ce-
 ‘ lebrated beauty : What (said he) do you think I am
 ‘ made of, that I should bear the sight of such snowy
 ‘ breasts? oh! she is intolerably handsom! Upon this
 ‘ we parted, and I resolv’d to take a little more air in the
 ‘ garden, yet avoid the danger by casting my eyes down-
 ‘ wards : but to my unspeakable surprize, I discovered,
 ‘ in the same fair creature, the finest ankle and prettiest
 ‘ foot that ever fancy imagin’d. If the petticoats, as
 ‘ well as the stays, thus diminish, what shall we do, dear
 ‘ NESTOR? If it is neither safe to look at the head nor
 ‘ the feet of the charmer, whither shall we direct our
 ‘ eyes? I need not trouble you with any further descrip-
 ‘ tion of her, but I beg you would consider that your
 ‘ wards are frail and mortal.

Your most obedient servant,

EPIMETRIUS.



N^o 133. THURSDAY, August 13.

Oh! fatal love of fame? Oh glorious heat!
 Only destructive to the brave and great.

ADDISON'S Campaign.

THE letters which I published in the Guardian of
 Saturday last, are written with such spirit and
 greatness of mind, that they had excited a great cu-
 riosity in my lady Lizard's family, to know what oc-
 casioned a quarrel betwixt the two brave men who
 wrote them; and what was the event of their combat.
 I found the family the other day listning in a circle to
 Mr. William the Templar, who was informing the ladies
 of the ceremonies used in the single combat, when the
 kings of England permitted such trials to be performed
 in their presence. He took occasion from the chance of
 such judicial proceedings, to relate a custom used, in a
 certain

certain part of India, to determine law-suits, which he produced as a parallel to the single combat. The custom, "That the plaintiff and defendant are thrown into a river, where each endeavours to keep under water as long as he is able; and he who comes up first loses the cause:" The author adds, "that if they had no other way of deciding controversies in Europe, the lawyers might e'en throw themselves in after them."

The mirth, occasioned by this Indian law, did not hinder the ladies from reflecting still more upon the above-named letters. I found they had agreed, that must be a mistress which caused the duel; and Mrs. Cornelia had already settled in her mind the fashion of their arms, their colours and devices: My lady only wept with a sigh, if either of the combatants had a wife and children.

In order to give them what satisfaction I could, I looked over my papers; and though I could not find the occasion of the difference, I shall present the world with an authentic account of the fight, written by the survivor to a courtier. The gallant behaviour of the combatants may serve to raise in our minds a yet higher estimation of that false honour, which robs our country of men so fitted to support and adorn it.

SIR EDWARD SACKVILLE'S relation of the fight betwixt him and the lord BRUCE.

Worthy SIR,

AS I am not ignorant, so ought I to be sensible of the false aspersions some authorless tongues have laid upon me, in the report of the unfortunate passage lately happened between the lord Bruce and myself, which as they are spread here, so I may justly fear they reign also where you are. There are but two ways to resolve doubts of this nature; by oath, or by sword. The first is due to magistrates, and communicable to friends; the other to such as maliciously slander, and impudently defend their assertion. Your love, not my merit, assure me, you hold me your friend, which esteem I am much desirous to retain. Do me therefore the right to understand the truth of that; and

‘ in my behalf inform others, who either are, or may be
 ‘ infected with sinister rumours, much prejudicial to the
 ‘ fair opinion I desire to hold amongst all worthy pe-
 ‘ sons. And on the faith of a gentleman, the relation
 ‘ I shall give is neither more nor less than the bare truth.
 ‘ The inclosed contains the first citation, sent me from
 ‘ Paris by a Scotch gentleman, who delivered it to me in
 ‘ Derbyshire at my father-in-law’s house: After it follow
 ‘ my then answer, returning him by the same bearer.
 ‘ The next is my accomplishment of my first promise,
 ‘ being a particular assignation of place and weapon
 ‘ which I sent by a servant of mine, by post from Rotte-
 ‘ dam, as soon as I landed there. The receipt of which
 ‘ joined with an acknowledgment of my too fair ca-
 ‘ riage to the deceased lord, is testified by the last
 ‘ which periods the business till we met at Tergosa in
 ‘ Zealand, it being the place allotted for rendezvous
 ‘ where he, accompanied with one Mr. Crawford, an Eng-
 ‘ lish gentleman, for his Second, a surgeon, and a man
 ‘ arrived with all the speed he could. And there havin
 ‘ rendered himself, I addressed my Second, Sir John Heido
 ‘ to let him understand, that now all following should be
 ‘ done by consent, as concerning the terms whereof
 ‘ we should fight, as also the place. To our Seconds we
 ‘ gave power for their appointments, who agreed we
 ‘ should go to Antwerp, from thence to Bergen-op-Zoon
 ‘ where in the mid-way but a village divides the States
 ‘ territories from the Arch-duke’s. And there was the
 ‘ destined stage, to the end, that having ended, he, tho
 ‘ could, might presently exempt himself from the justice
 ‘ of the country, by retiring into the dominion not o-
 ‘ fended. It was farther concluded, that in case any
 ‘ should fall or slip, that then the combat should cease
 ‘ and he whose ill fortune had so subjected him, was
 ‘ acknowledge his life to have been in the other’s hand.
 ‘ But in case one party’s sword should break, becau
 ‘ that could only chance by hazard, it was agreed th
 ‘ the other should take no advantage, but either they
 ‘ be made friends, or else upon even terms go to it agai
 ‘ Thus these conclusions being each of them related
 ‘ his party, was by us both approved, and assented to.
 ‘ Accordingly we embarked for Antwerp. And by reaso



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‘ putation ; I bade him alight, which with all willingneſs
 ‘ he quickly granted, and there in a meadow ankle deep
 ‘ in water at the leaſt, bidding farewell to our doublets,
 ‘ in our ſhirts began to charge each other ; having afore
 ‘ commanded our ſurgeons to withdraw themſelves a
 ‘ pretty diſtance from us, conjuring them beſides, as
 ‘ they reſpected our favours, or their own ſafeties,
 ‘ not to ſtir, but ſuffer us to execute our pleaſures : We
 ‘ being fully reſolved (God forgive us !) to diſpatch
 ‘ each other by what means we could, I made a thruſt
 ‘ at my enemy, but was ſhort, and in drawing back my
 ‘ arm I received a great wound thereon, which I in-
 ‘ terpreted as a reward for my ſhort ſhooting ; but in
 ‘ revenge I preſt in to him, though I then miſſed him
 ‘ alſo, and then receiving a wound in my right pap,
 ‘ which paſt level through my body, and almoſt to my
 ‘ back. And there we wreſtled for the two greateſt and
 ‘ deareſt prizes we could ever expect trial for, honour
 ‘ and life. In which ſtruggling my hand, having but
 ‘ an ordinary glove on it, loſt one of her ſervants
 ‘ though the meaneſt ; which hung by a ſkin, and to
 ‘ ſight, yet remaineth as before, and I am put in hope
 ‘ one day to recover the uſe of it again. But at laſt,
 ‘ breathleſs, yet keeping our holds, there paſt on both
 ‘ ſides propoſitions of quitting each other’s ſword. But
 ‘ when amity was dead, confidence could not live ;
 ‘ and who ſhould quit firſt was the queſtion ; which,
 ‘ on neither part, either would perform, and reſtriving
 ‘ again aſreſh, with a kick and a wrench together, I
 ‘ freed my long captivated weapon. Which inconti-
 ‘ nently levying at his throat, being maſter ſtill of his,
 ‘ I demanded, if he would aſk his life, or yield his ſword ;
 ‘ both which, though in that eminent danger, he
 ‘ bravely denied to do. Myſelf being wounded, and
 ‘ feeling loſs of blood, having three conduits running
 ‘ on me, began to make me faint, and he courageouſly
 ‘ perſiſting not to accord to either of my propoſitions,
 ‘ remembrance of his former bloody delire, and feel-
 ‘ ing of my preſent eſtate, I ſtruck at his heart, but
 ‘ with his avoiding miſt my aim, yet paſt through the
 ‘ body, and drawing through my ſword repaſt it through
 ‘ again, through another place ; when he cried “ Oh !
 ‘ I am

I am slain!" seconding his speech with all the force he had to cast me. But being too weak, after I had defended his assault, I easily became master of him, laying him on his back; when being upon him, I redemanded if he would request his life, but it seemed he prized it not at so dear a rate to be behold-
 ing for it; bravely replying "he scorned it." Which answer of his was so noble and worthy, as I protest I could not find in my heart to offer him any more violence, only keeping him down, till at length his surgeon, afar off, cried out, "he would immediately die if his wounds were not stopped." Whereupon I asked if he desired his surgeon should come, which he accepted of; and so being drawn away, I never offered to take his sword, accounting it inhuman to rob a dead man, for so I held him to be. This thus ended, I retired to my surgeon, in whose arms after I had remained a while for want of blood, I lost my sight, and withal, as I then thought, my life also. But strong water and his diligence quickly recovered me, when I escaped a great danger. For my lord's surgeon, when no body dreamt of it, came full at me with his lord's sword; and had not mine, with my sword, interposed himself, I had been slain by those base hands: Although my lord Bruce, weltering in his blood, and past all expectation of life, conformable to all his former carriage, which was undoubtedly noble, cried out, "Rascal! hold thy hand." So may I prosper as I have dealt sincerely with you in this relation; which I pray you, with the inclosed letter, deliver to my lord chamberlain. And so, &c.

Yours,

Louvain, the 8th of
 Sept. 1613.

EDWARD SACKVILLE.





N^o 134. FRIDAY, August 14.

Matronæ præter faciem nil cernere possis,
Cætera, ni Catia est, demissâ veste tegentis.

HOR. Sat. 2. l. 1. v. 94.

In virtuous dames, you see their face alone :
None show the rest, but women of the town.

MY lion having given over roaring for some time, I find that several stories have been spread abroad in the country to his disadvantage. One of my correspondents tells me, it is confidently reported of him, in their parts, that he is silenced by authority; another informs me, that he hears he was sent for by a messenger, who had orders to bring him away with all his papers, and that upon examination he was found to contain several dangerous things in his maw. I must not omit another report which has been raised by such as are enemies to me and my lion, namely, that he is starved for want of food, and that he has not had a good meals meat for this fortnight. I do hereby declare these reports to be altogether groundless; and since I am contradicting common fame, I must likewise acquaint the world, that the story of a two hundred pound bank-bill being conveyed to me through the mouth of my lion has no foundation of truth in it. The matter of fact is this, my lion has not roared for these twelve days past, by reason that his prompters have put very ill words in his mouth, and such as he could not utter with common honour and decency. Notwithstanding the admonitions I have given my correspondents, many of them have crammed great quantities of scandal down

ribaldry. Some of them have gorged him with so much nonsense that they have made a very ass of him. On Monday last, upon examining, I found him an ar- rant French tory, and the day after, a virulent whig.



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extremity of the fashion. I was pleased to think that a married man must be, that I should make discoveries in the dear creature, which were unknown to the rest of the world. But since this new fashion is come up, every one's eye is as familiar as mine; for I can positively affirm, that her legs grown eight inches within these three years, that makes me tremble when I think of it, that her foot and ankle are now exposed to the sight of the whole world, which made my very heart dance with me, when I first found myself their proprietor. In all appearance the curtain is still rising, I find a great number of rascally young fellows in the neighbourhood who hope to be presented with some new scene every day.

In short, Sir, the tables are now quite turned up. Instead of being acquainted with her person more than other men, I have now the least share of it. When she is at home she is continually muffled up and concealed in mobs, morning gowns and handkerchiefs; but she strips every afternoon to appear in public. For ought I can find, when she has thrown aside her morning clothes, she begins to think herself half dressed. Sir, if I may presume to say so, you have been altogether wrong to think of reforming this fashion, by prohibiting the immodesty of it. If you expect to make converts, you must convince them, that if they get husbands, they must not shew all before their eyes. I am sure, had my wife been dressed before she was married, she would have satisfied good half of my curiosity. Many a man has been hindered from laying out his money on a show, by seeing the principal figure of it hung out before his eyes. I have often observed a curious passenger stop to stare at these objects which he could see for nothing, that he took no notice of the master of the house, who was continually crying out, "Pray gentlemen, walk in."

As I have told you at the beginning of this letter, that Mahomet's she-disciples are obliged to cover their faces; you have lately informed us from the news-papers of the regulations which the

pope is now making among the Roman ladies in this particular ; and I hope, our British dames notwithstanding they have the finest skins in the world, will be content to shew no more of them than what belongs to the face and to the neck properly speaking. Their being fair is no excuse for their being naked.

‘ You know, Sir, that in the beginning of the last century, there was a sect of men among us, who called themselves Adamites, and appeared in publick without clothes. This heresy may spring up in the other sex, if you do not put a timely stop to it, there being so many in all publick places, who show so great an inclination to be Evites.

I am, SIR, &c.



N^o 135. SATURDAY, August 15.

-----meâ
 Virtute me involvo----- HOR. Od. 29. l. 3. v. 54.
 -----Virtue, tho' in rags, will keep me warm.
 DRYDEN.

A GOOD conscience is to the soul what health is to the body ; it preserves a constant ease and serenity within us, and more than countervails all the calamities and afflictions which can possibly befall us. I know nothing so hard for a generous mind to get over as calumny and reproach, and cannot find any method of quieting the soul under them, besides this single one, of our being conscious to ourselves that we do not deserve them.

I have been always mightily pleased with that passage in Don Quixote, where the fantastical knight is represented as loading a gentleman of good sense with praises and elogiums. Upon which the gentleman makes this reflection to himself : How grateful is praise to human nature !

nature! I cannot forbear being secretly pleased with the commendations I receive, tho' I am sensible it is a mad man that bestows them on me. In the same manner, tho' we are often sure that the censures which are passed upon us are uttered by those who know nothing of us, and have neither means nor abilities to form a right judgment of us, we cannot forbear being grieved at what they say.

In order to heal this infirmity, which is so natural to the best and wisest of men, I have taken a particular pleasure in observing the conduct of the old philosophers, how they bore themselves up against the malice and detraction of their enemies.

The way to silence calumny, says Bias, is to be always exercised in such things as are praise-worthy. Socrates, after having received sentence, told his friends that he had always accustomed himself to regard truth and not censure, and that he was not troubled at his condemnation, because he knew himself free from guilt. It was in the same spirit that he heard the accusations of his two great adversaries, who had uttered against him the most virulent reproaches. Anytus and Melitus, says he, may procure sentence against me, but they cannot hurt me. This divine philosopher was so well fortified in his own innocence, that he neglected all the impotence of evil tongues which were engaged in his destruction. This was properly the support of a good conscience, that contradicted the reports which had been raised against him and cleared him to himself.

Others of the philosophers rather chose to retort the injury by a smart reply, than thus to disarm it with respect to themselves. They show that it stung them, tho' at the same time they had the address to make their aggressors suffer with them. Of this kind was Aristotle's reply to one who pursued him with long and bitter invectives. You, says he, who are used to suffer reproaches, utter them with delight; I who have not been used to utter them, take no pleasure in hearing them. Diogenes was still more severe on one who spoke ill of him: Nobody will believe you when you speak ill of me, any more than they would believe me should I speak well of you.



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“ God ; at which sad time his memory shall serve him
 “ little else, but to terrify him with a frightful re-
 “ of his past life, and his former extravagancies stri-
 “ of all their pleasure, but retaining their guilt: What
 “ it then that can promise him a fair passage into the
 “ world, or a comfortable appearance before his dread-
 “ judge when he is there? Not all the friends and in-
 “ fluents, all the riches and honours under heaven can say
 “ so much as a word for him, or one word of comfort
 “ him in that condition; they may possibly reproach
 “ they cannot relieve him.

“ No, at this disconsolate time, when the busy tem-
 “ shall be more than usually apt to vex and trouble him,
 “ and the pains of a dying body to hinder and discom-
 “ him, and the settlement of worldly affairs to disturb
 “ confound him; and in a word, all things conspire to make
 “ his sick bed grievous and uneasy; nothing can stand
 “ stand up against all these ruins, and speak life in
 “ midst of death, but a clear conscience.

“ And the testimony of that shall make the comfort
 “ heaven descend upon his weary head, like a refreshing
 “ dew, or shower upon a parched ground. It shall give
 “ him some lively earnestings, and secret anticipations of
 “ approaching joy. It shall bid his soul go out of
 “ body undauntedly, and lift up his head with confidence
 “ before saints and angels. Surely the comfort, which
 “ it conveys at this season, is something bigger than
 “ capacities of mortality, mighty and unspeakable,
 “ not to be understood till it comes to be felt.

“ And now, who would not quit all the pleasures
 “ trash and trifles, which are apt to captivate the heart
 “ of man, and pursue the greatest rigours of piety,
 “ austerities of a good life, to purchase to himself suc-
 “ cessful peace of conscience, as at the hour of death, when all the friends
 “ ship in the world shall bid him adieu, and the whole
 “ creation turn its back upon him, shall dismiss them
 “ and close his eyes with that blessed sentence, What
 “ done thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into
 “ the joy of thy Lord.”





No 136. MONDAY, August 17.

Noctes atque dies patet atri janua ditis.

VIRG. ÆN. 6. v. 127.

The gates of death are open night and day.

DRYDEN.

SOME of our quaint moralists have pleased themselves with an observation, that there is but one way of coming into the world, but a thousand to go out of it. I have seen a fanciful dream written by a Spaniard in which he introduces the person of death metamorphosing himself like another Proteus into innumerable shapes and figures. To represent the fatality of fevers and agues, with many other distempers and accidents that destroy the life of man, death enters first of all in a body of fire; a little after he appears like a man of snow, then rolls about the room like a cannon-ball, then lies on the table like a gilded pill; after this he transforms himself of a sudden, into a sword, then windles successively to a dagger, to a bodkin, to a crooked pin, to a needle, to a hair. The Spaniard's design by this allegory, was to shew the many assaults to which the life of man is exposed, and to let his reader see that there was scarce any thing in nature so very mean and inconsiderable, but that it was able to overcome him, and lay his head in the dust. I remember Monsieur Paschal, in his reflexions on providence, has his observation upon Cromwell's death. That usurper, says he, who had destroyed the royal family in his own nation, who had made all the princes of Europe tremble, and struck a terror into Rome itself, was at last taken out of the world by a fit of the gravel. An atom, a grain of sand, says he, that would have been of no significance in any other part of the universe, being lodged in such a particular place, was an instrument of providence to bring about the most happy revolutions, and to remove from the face of the earth this troubler of mankind

kind. In short, swarms of distempers are every where hovering over us; casualties, whether at home or abroad whether we wake or sleep, sit or walk, are planted about us in ambuscade; every element, every climate, every season, all nature is full of death.

There are more casualties incident to men than to women, as battles, sea-voyages; with several dangerous trades and professions that often prove fatal to the practitioner. I have seen a treatise written by a learned physician of the distempers peculiar to those who work in stone and marble. It has been therefore observed by curious men that upon a strict examination there are more males brought into the world than females. Providence, to supply this waste in the species, has made allowances for by a suitable redundancy in the male sex. Those who have made the nicest calculations have found, I think that taking one year with another, there are about twenty boys produced to nineteen girls. This observation so well grounded, that I will at any time lay five to four that there appear more male than female infants in every weekly bill of mortality. And what can be a more demonstrative argument for the superintendency of providence?

There are casualties incident to every particular station and way of life. A friend of mine was once saying, that he fancied there would be something new and diverting in a country bill of mortality. Upon communicating this hint to a gentleman who was then going down to his seat, which lies at a considerable distance from London, he told me he would make a collection as well as he could, of the several deaths that had happened in his country for the space of a whole year, and send them up to me in the form of such a bill as I mentioned. The reader will here see that he has been as good as his promise. To make it the more entertaining he has set down, among the real distempers, some imaginary ones, to which the country people ascribed the deaths of some of their neighbours. I shall extract out of them such only as seem almost peculiar to the country, laying aside fevers, apoplexies, small-pox, and the like, which they have in common with towns and cities.



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N^o 137. TUESDAY, August 18.

— — sanctus haberi

Justitiæque tenax, factis dictisque mereris?

Agnosco procerem — —

JUV. Sat. 8. v. 24

Convince the world, that you're devout and true,

Be just in all you say, in all you do;

Whatever be your birth, you're sure to be

A peer of the first quality to me.

STEPNEY

HORACE, Juvenal, Boileau, and indeed the greatest writers in almost every age, have exposed with all the strength of wit and good sense, the vanity of a man's valuing himself upon his ancestors, and endeavoured to shew that true nobility consists in virtue not in birth. With submission however to so many great authorities, I think they have pushed this matter a little too far. We ought in gratitude to honour the posterity of those who have raised either the interest or reputation of their country. And by whose labours we ourselves are more happy, wise, or virtuous than we should have been without them. Besides, naturally speaking, a man bids fairer for greatness of soul, who is the descendent of worthy ancestors, and has good blood in his veins, than one who is come of an ignoble and obscure parentage. For these reasons I think a man of merit, who is derived from an illustrious line is very justly to be regarded more than a man of equal merit, who has no claim to hereditary honours. Nay, I think those who are indifferent in themselves and have nothing else to distinguish them but the virtues of their fore-fathers, are to be looked upon with a degree of veneration ever upon that account, and to be more respected than the common run of men who are of low and vulgar extraction.

After having thus ascribed due honours to birth and parentage, I must however take notice of those who arrogate to themselves more honours than are due

them on this account. The first are such who are not enough sensible that vice and ignorance taint the good, and that an unworthy behaviour degrades and debasens a man in the eye of the world as much as wealth and family aggrandize and exalt him.

The second are those who believe a new man of an elevated merit is not more to be honoured than an insignificant and worthless man who is descended from a long line of patriots and heroes: or, in other words, behold with contempt a person who is such a man as the first founder of their family was, upon whose reputation they value themselves.

But I shall chiefly apply myself to those whose quality sits uppermost in all their discourses and behaviour. An empty man of a great family is a creature that is scarce conversible. You read his ancestry in his smile, in his air, in his eye-brow. He has indeed nothing but his nobility to give employment to his thoughts. Rank and precedence are the important points which he is always discussing within himself. A gentleman of this turn began a speech in one of king Charles's parliaments: "Sir, I had the honour to be born at a time"—upon which a rough honest gentleman took him up short,

I would fain know what that gentleman means, is there any one in the house that has not had the honour to be born as well as himself?" The good sense which reigns in our nation has pretty well destroyed this starched behaviour among men who have seen the world, and know that every gentleman will be treated upon a foot of equality. But there are many who have had their education among women, dependents or flatterers, that lose all the respect which would otherwise be paid them, by being too assiduous in procuring it.

My lord Froth has been so educated in punctilio, that he governs himself by a ceremonial in all the ordinary occurrences of life. He measures out his bow to the degree of the person he converses with. I have seen him in every inclination of the body, from a familiar nod to the low stoop in the salutation-sign. I remember five of us, who were acquainted with one another, met together one morning at his lodgings, when a wag of the company was saying, it would be worth

worth while to observe how he would distinguish us at his first entrance. Accordingly he no sooner came in the room, but casting his eye about, "My lord such
 " one, says he, your most humble servant. Sir Richard
 " your humble servant. Your servant Mr. Ironside, Mr.
 " Ducker how do you do? Ha! Frank, are you there?"

There is nothing more easy than to discover a man whose heart is full of his family. Weak minds that have imbibed a strong tincture of the nursery, young brothers that have been brought up to nothing. Superannuated retainers to a great house, have generally their thoughts taken up with little else.

I had some years ago, an aunt of my own, by name Mrs. Martha Ironside, who would never marry beneath herself, and is supposed to have died a maid in the fourteenth year of her age. She was the chronicle of our family, and past away the greatest part of the last forty years of her life in recounting the antiquity, marriage exploits and alliances of the IRONSIDES. Mrs. Martha conversed generally with a knot of old virgins, who were likewise of good families, and had been very cruel all the beginning of the last century. They were every one of them as proud as Lucifer, but said their prayers twice a day, and in all other respects were the best women in the world. If they saw a fine petticoat at church, they immediately took to pieces the pedigree of her that wore it, and would lift up their eyes to heaven at the confidence of the saucy minx, when they found she was an honest tradesman's daughter. It is impossible to describe the pious indignation that would rise in them at the sight of a man who lived plentifully on an estate of his own getting. They were transported with zeal beyond measure, if they heard of a young woman's matching into a great family upon account only of her beauty, her merit, or her money. In short there was not a female within ten miles of them that was in possession of a gold watch, a pearl necklace or piece of Mechlin lace, but they examined her title to it. My aunt Martha used to chide me very frequently for not sufficiently valuing myself. She would not eat a bit all dinner-time, if at an invitation she found she had been seated below herself; and would frown upon



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advocates. Instead of seeing the number of my papers every day increasing, they would quickly lie as a drum upon my hands, did not I take care to keep up the appetite of my guests, and quicken it from time to time by something new and unexpected. In short, I endeavour to treat my reader in the same manner as Eve does the angel in that beautiful description of Milton.

So saying, with dispatchful looks in haste
 She turns, on hospitable thoughts intent,
 What choice to choose for delicacy best.
 What order, so contrived as not to mix
 Tastes, not well join'd, inelegant, but bring
 Taste after taste, upheld with kindest change.
 Whatever earth, all-bearing mother, yields
 In India East or West, or middle shore
 In Pontus or the Punic coast, or where
 Alcinous reign'd, fruit of all kinds, in coat
 Rough or smooth-rind, or bearded husk, or shell,
 She gathers, tribute large, and on the board
 Heaps with unsparing hand—— Fifth book

If by this method, I can furnish out a “ Splendid farago,” according to the complement lately paid me in a fine poem published among the exercises of the late Oxford act, I have gained the end, which I proposed to myself.

In my yesterday's paper, I showed how the actions of our ancestors and forefathers should excite us to every thing that is great and virtuous. I shall here observe, that a regard to our posterity, and those who are to descend from us, ought to have the same kind of influence on a generous mind. A noble soul would rather die than commit an action that should make his children blush when he is in his grave, and be looked upon as a reproach to those who shall live a hundred years after him. On the contrary, nothing can be a more pleasing thought to a man of eminence, than to consider that his posterity, who lie many removes from him, shall make their boasts of his virtues, and be honoured for his sake.

Virgil represents this consideration as an incentive of glory to Æneas, when after having shown him

e race of heroes who were to descend from him, Anchises adds with a noble warmth,

Et dubitamus adhuc virtutem extendere factis?

Æn. 6. v. 806.

And doubt we yet thro' dangers to pursue
The paths of honour?— DRYDEN.

Since I have mentioned this passage in Virgil, where Æneas was entertained with the view of his great descendants, I can forbear observing a particular beauty, which I do not know that any one has taken notice of. The list which he has there drawn up was in general to do honour to the Roman name, but more particularly to compliment Augustus. For this reason Anchises, who shows Æneas most of the rest of his descendants in the same order, that they were to make their appearance in the world, breaks his method for the sake of Augustus, whom he singles out immediately after having mentioned Romulus, as the most illustrious person who was to rise in that empire which the other had founded. He was impatient to describe his posterity raised to the utmost pitch of glory, and therefore passes over the rest to come at this great man, whom by this means he implicitly represents as making the most conspicuous figure among them. By this artifice the poet did not only give his emperor the greatest praise he could bestow upon him; but hinder'd his reader from drawing a parallel, which would have been disadvantageous to him, had he been celebrated in his proper place, that is, after Pompey and Cæsar, who each of them eclipsed the other in military glory.

Though there have been finer things spoken of Augustus than of any other man, all the wits of his age having tried to outrival one another on that subject, he never received a compliment, which in my opinion, may be compared, for sublimity of thought, to that which the poet here makes him. The English reader may see a faint shadow of it in Mr. Dryden's translation, but the original is inimitable.

Hic vir, hic est, &c.

Æn. 6. v. 791.

But next behold the youth of form divine,
 Cæsar himself, exalted in his line ;
 Augustus, promis'd oft, and long foretold,
 Sent to the realm that Saturn rul'd of old ;
 Born to restore a better age of gold.
 Afric, and India, shall his pow'r obey,
 He shall extend his propagated sway
 Beyond the solar year, without the starry way.
 Where Atlas turns the rolling heav'ns around,
 And his broad shoulders with their lights are cro
 At his foreseen approach, already quake
 The Caspian kingdoms and Mæotian lake.
 Their seers behold the tempest from afar ;
 And threatning oracles denounce the war,
 Nile hears him knocking at his sev'nfold gates ;
 And seeks his hidden spring, and fears his nephew's
 Nor Hercules more lands or labours knew,
 Not though the brazen-footed hind he slew ;
 Freed Erymanthus from the foaming boar,
 And dipp'd his ^{ar}row^s in Lernæan gore.
 Nor Bacchus turning from his Indian war,
 By tigers drawn triumphant in his car.
 From Nisus top descending on the plains ;
 With curling vines around his purple reins.
 And doubt we yet through dangers to pursue
 The paths of honour? —————

I could shew out of other poets the same kind of
 sion as this in Virgil, wherein the chief persons
 poem have been entertained with the sight
 were to descend from them : but instead of that,
 conclude with a Rabbinical story which has in
 oriental way of thinking, and is therefore very am

Adam, say the Rabbins, a little after his creatio
 presented with a view of all those souls who
 united to human bodies, and take their turn
 upon the earth. Among others, the vision
 him the soul of David. t-ancestor



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us, is made up of mouth and paws. For my own part
 I have long considered with myself how I might ex-
 press my gratitude to this noble animal that has
 done so much the good of our country at his heart. After
 many thoughts on this subject, I have at length re-
 solved to do honour to him, by compiling an history
 of his species, and extracting out of all authors, what
 ever may redound to his reputation. In the prosecu-
 tion of this design, I shall have no manner of regard
 to what Æsop has said upon the subject, whom I look
 upon to have been a republican by the unworthy treat-
 ment which he often gives to the king of beasts, and
 whom, if I had time, I could convict of falshood and
 forgery in almost every matter of fact which he has
 related of this generous animal. Your romance
 writers are likewise a set of men whose authority I shall
 build upon very little in this case. They all of them
 are born with a particular antipathy to lions, and
 give them no more quarter than they do giants, where-
 ever they chance to meet them. There is not one of
 the seven champions, but when he has nothing else to
 do, encounters with a lion, and you may be sure al-
 ways gets the better of him. In short, a knight-er-
 rant lives in a perpetual state of enmity with this no-
 ble creature, and hates him more than all things upon
 the earth, except a dragon. Had the stories record-
 ed of them by these writers been true, the whole spe-
 cies would have been destroyed before now. After
 having thus renounced all fabulous authorities, I shall
 begin my memoirs of the lion with a story related of
 him by Aulus Gellius, and extracted by him out of
 Dion Cassius, an historian of undoubted veracity. It
 is the famous story of Androcles the Roman slave, which
 I premise for the sake of my learned reader, who need
 go no further in it, if he has read it already.

Androcles was the slave of a noble Roman who
 was proconsul of Africa. He had been guilty of some
 fault, for which his master would have put him to
 death, had not he found an opportunity to escape out
 of his hands, and fled into the desarts of Numidia. As
 he was wandering among the barren sands, and almost
 dead

dead with heat and hunger, he saw a cave in the side of a rock. He went into it, and finding at the farther end of it a place to sit down upon, rested there for some time. At length to his great surprize a huge overgrown lion entered at the mouth of the cave, and seeing a man at the upper end of it, immediately made towards him. Androcles gave himself for gone; but the lion instead of treating him as he expected, laid his paw upon his lap, and with a complaining kind of voice fell a licking his hand. Androcles, after having recovered himself a little from the fright he was in, observed the lion's paw to be exceedingly swelled by a large thorn that stuck in it. He immediately pulled it out, and by squeezing the paw very gently, made a great deal of corrupt matter run out of it, which probably freed the lion from the great anguish he had felt some time before. The lion left him upon receiving this good office from him, and soon after returned with a fawn which he had just killed. This he laid down at the feet of his benefactor, and went off again in pursuit of his prey. Androcles, after having sodden the flesh of it by the sun, subsisted upon it till the lion had supplied him with another. He lived many days in this frightful solitude, the lion catering for him with great assiduity. Being tired at length with this savage society, he was resolved to deliver himself up into his master's hands, and suffer the worst effects of his displeasure, rather than be thus driven out from mankind. His master, as was customary for the proconsul of Afric, was at that time getting together a present of all the largest lions that could be found in the country, in order to send them to Rome, that they might furnish out a show to the Roman people. Upon his poor slave's surrendering himself into his hands, he ordered him to be carried away to Rome as soon as the lions were in readiness to be sent, and that for his crime he should be exposed to fight with one of the lions in the amphitheatre, as usual, for the diversion of the people. This was all performed accordingly. Androcles, after such a strange run of fortune, was now in the area of the theatre amidst thousands of spectators, expecting every

‘ moment when his antagonist would come out
 ‘ him. At length a huge monstrous lion leaped
 ‘ from the place where he had been kept hung
 ‘ the show. He advanced with great rage to
 ‘ the man, but on a sudden, after having regarded
 ‘ a little wilfully, fell to the ground, and crept to
 ‘ his feet with all the signs of blandishment and
 ‘ Androcles, after a short pause, discovered that
 ‘ his old Numidian friend, and immediately renewed
 ‘ acquaintance with him. Their mutual congratulations
 ‘ were very surprizing to the beholders, who, upon
 ‘ ing an account of the whole matter from Androcles,
 ‘ ordered him to be pardoned and the lion to be
 ‘ up into his possession. Androcles returned at
 ‘ the civilities which he had received from him
 ‘ defarts of Afric. Dion Cassius says, that he
 ‘ saw the man leading the lion about the streets of
 ‘ the people every where gathering about them, and
 ‘ peating to one another, “ Hic est leo hospes ho-
 ‘ hic est homo medicus leonis. This is the lion
 ‘ was the man’s host, this is the man who was
 ‘ lion’s physician.”



N^o 140. FRIDAY, August 21.

———quibus incendi jam frigidus ævo
 Laomedontiades, vel Nestoris hernia possit.

JUV. Sat. 6. v

A light, might thaw old Priam’s frozen age,
 And warm ev’n Nestor into amorous rage.

I H A V E lately received a letter from an astronomer
 in Moorfields; which I have read with great
 faction. He observes to me, that my lion at
 ton’s coffee-house was very luckily erected in the
 month when the sun was in Leo. He further adds
 upon conversing with the above-mentioned Mr. F
 whose other name he observes is Daniel, : a good



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man might make very agreeable discoveries of herself and at the same time shew us what she would be at. But by my correspondent's good leave, I can by no means consent to spoil the skin of my pretty country-women. They could find no colours half so charming as those which are natural to them; and tho', like the old Pictures they painted the sun itself upon their bodies, they would still change for the worse, and conceal something more beautiful than what they exhibited.

I shall therefore persist in my first design, and endeavour to bring about the reformation in neck and legs which I have so long aimed at. Let them but raise their stays and let down their petticoats, and I have done. However, as I will give them space to consider of it, I design this for the last time that my lion shall roar upon the subject during this season, which I give public notice of for the sake of my correspondents that they may not be at an unnecessary trouble or expence in furnishing me with any informations relating to the tucker before the beginning of next winter, when I may again resume that point, if I find occasion for it. I shall not, however, let it drop without acquainting my reader, that I have written a letter to the pope upon it, in order to encourage him in his present good intentions, and that we may act by concert in this matter. Here follows the copy of my letter.

To Pope Clement the Eighth, NESTOR IRONSIDE,
greeting.


Dear Brother,

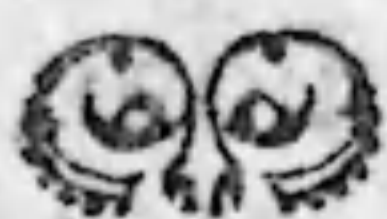
I HAVE heard, with great satisfaction, that you have forbidden your priests to confess any woman, who appears before them without a tucker, in which you please me well. I do agree with you, that it is impossible for the good man to discharge his office, as he ought, who gives an ear to those alluring penitents, that discover their hearts and necks to him at the same time. I am labouring as much as in me lies to stir up the same spirit of modesty among the women of this island, and should be glad we might assist one another in so good a work. In order to it, I
desire

desire that you would send me over the length of a Roman lady's neck, as it stood before your late prohibition. We have some here who have necks of one, two and three foot in length, some that have necks which reach down to their middles, and, indeed, some who may be said to be all neck and no body. I hope, at the same time you observe the stays of your female subjects, that you have also an eye to their petticoats, which rise in this island daily. When the petticoat reaches but to the knee, and the stays fall to the fifth rib (which I hear is to be the standard of each, as it has been lately settled in a junto of the sex) I will take care to send you one of either sort, which I advertise you of before-hand, that you may not compute the stature of our English women from the length of their garments. In the mean time I have desired the master of a vessel, who tells me that he shall touch at Civita Vecchia, to present you with a certain female machine which, I believe, will puzzle your infallibility to discover the use of it. Not to keep you in suspense, it is what we call in this country a hooped-petticoat. I shall only beg of you to let me know, whether you find any garment of this nature among all the relicks of your female saints, and in particular, whether it was ever worn by any of your twenty thousand virgin martyrs.

Yours, usque ad aras,

NESTOR IRONSIDE.

I must not dismiss this letter without declaring myself a good protestant, as I hint in the subscribing part of it. This I think necessary to take notice of, lest I should be accused by an author of *unexampled* stupidity, for corresponding with the head of the Romish church. 





SATURDAY, August 22.

miser, calamos, vigilataque proelia dele,
 in parvâ sublimia carmina cellâ,
 is venias hederis, & imagine maciâ.

JUV. Sat. 7. 1

es on your unlucky papers prey,
 s thro' written pages eat their way ;
 us, your loves, your praises be forgot ;
 ke of all an universal blot-----
 is empty praise, an ivy crown,
 an statue of a mean renown.

CH. DRY

”, faith the bishop of Rochester in his ele
 mon against the scorner, “ as it implies a
 common reach and vivacity of thought,
 at talent, very fit to be employed in the se
 , and very capable of assisting us to discern
 it.” I shall take leave to carry this observa
 a common life, and remark, that it is a f
 properly directed, very fit to recommend yo
 the favour of such patrons, as are gener
 promote the interest of politeness, and
 their country. I am therefore much gri
 e frequent complaints of some rising aut
 ave taken under my guardianship. Since
 ces will not allow me to give them due
 nt, I must take upon me the person
 r, and make them a present of my ad
 ot have any poet whatsoever, who is not
 dred a year, deliver himself up to wit, b
 rient to the improvement of his fortune. ’
 eful in all professions, and should be confid
 wife, but as an attendant. Let them tak
 word; the desire of fame grows languid
 , and thoughts of ease and convenience e



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longed for laurel leaves; and as I lay in my cradle, a swarm of bees settled about my mouth, without doing me any injury. These were looked upon as presaging my being a great man; and the early promises I had of a quick wit and lively fancy, confirmed the opinion my friends had conceived of me. It would be an idle tale to relate the trifling adventures of youth, till I arrived at my twentieth year. It was then that the love I bore to a beautiful young virgin with whom I had innocently and familiarly conversed from my childhood, became the public talk of the village. I was so taken up with my passion, that I entirely neglected all other affairs: and though the daughter of Machaon the physician, and a rich heiress, the daughter of a famous Grecian orator, were offered me in marriage, I peremptorily refused both matches, and rashly vowed to live and die with my lovely Polyhymnia. In vain did my parents remonstrate to me, that the tradition of her being descended from the Gods was too poor a portion for one of my name and fortunes; that except her fine green-house and garden, she had not one foot of land; and tho' she should gain the law-suit about the summit of Parnassus (which yet had many pretenders to it) that the air was so bleak there, and the ground so barren, that it would certainly starve the possessor. I fear my obstinacy in this particular broke my mother's heart, who died a short time after, and was soon followed by my father.

I now found myself at liberty, and, notwithstanding the opposition of a great many rivals, I won and enjoyed Polyhymnia. Our amour was known to the whole country, and all, who saw, extolled the beauty of my mistress, and pronounced me happy, in the possession of so many charms. We lived in great splendor and gaiety, I being persuaded that high living was necessary to keep up my reputation and the beauty of my mistress; from whom I had daily expectations given me of a post in the government, or some law-suit present from the great men of our commonwealth. I was so proud of my partner, that I was perpetual bringing company to see her, and was a little tiresome to my acquaintance, by talking continually of her several

several beauties. She herself had a most exalted conceit of her charms, and often invited the ladies to ask their opinions of her dress; which if they disapproved in any particular, she called them a pack of envious insipid things, and ridiculed them in all companies. She had a delicate set of teeth, which appeared most to advantage when she was angry; and therefore she was very often in a passion. By this imprudent behaviour, when we had run out of our money, we had no living soul to befriend us; and every body cried out, it was a judgment upon me for being a slave to such a proud minx, such a conceited hussy.

‘ I loved her passionately, and exclaimed against a blind and injudicious world. Besides, I had several children by her, and was likely still to have more; for I always thought the youngest the most beautiful. I must not forget that a certain great lord offered me a considerable sum in my necessity, to have the reputation of fathering one of them; but I rejected his offer with disdain. In order to support her family and vanities, she carried me to Athens; where she put me upon a hundred pranks to get money. Sometimes she dressed me in an antic robe and placed a diadem on my head, and made me gather a mob about me by talking in a blustering tone, and unintelligible language. Sometimes she made me foam at the mouth, roll my eyes, invoke the gods, and act a sort of madness which the Athenians call the Pindarism. At another time she put a sheephook into my hand, and drove me round my garret, calling it the plains of Arcadia. When these projects failed, she gave out, with good success, that I was an old astrologer; after that a dumb man; and last of all she made me pass for a lion.

‘ It may seem strange, that, after so tedious a slavery, I should ever get my freedom. But so it happened, that during the three last transformations, I grew acquainted with the lady Sophia, whose superior charms cooled my passion for Polyhymnia; insomuch that some envious dull fellows gave it out, my mistress had jilted and left me. But the slanders of my enemies were silenced by my public espousal of Sophia; who,

‘ who, with a greatness of soul, voice
 ‘ hath taken Polyhymnia for her woman
 ‘ by her every day.’



N^o 142. MONDAY, August

-----pacis mala : sævior armis
 Luxuria incubuit, victumque ulciscitur-
 JU

-----Th’ inveterate ills of peace,
 And wasteful riot ; whose destructive ch
 Revenge the vanquish’d-----

BEING obliged, at present, to an
 affair of my own, I do empower
 into the arcana of the lion, and select ou
 may be of public utility ; and Mr. Butt
 thorised and commanded to give my said
 gress and egress to the lion, without any
 or molestation whatsoever, until such tim
 ceive orders to the contrary. And for so
 be his warrant.

NES

“ By virtue of the foregoing order, t
 ‘ carefully examined, and the two follo
 ‘ ing found upon him, are thought very
 ‘ lic use.”

“ Given in at the lion’s mouth at 6
 “ morning.”

Mr. IRONSIDE,

ICAME very early this morning to
 thinking it the properest time to offe
 his stomach was empty and sharp set ;
 formed too that he is so very modest, a
 swallowing any thing before much con
 without some other politic views, th
 which was, that his digestion being the



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‘ in disguise takes away the usual checks and re-
 ‘ of modesty ; and consequently the beaux don’t
 ‘ to talk wantonly, nor the belles to listen ; the
 ‘ greedily sucks in the poison, as the other industr
 ‘ infuses it ; and I am apt to think too, that the
 ‘ might possibly forget their ownelves—in such st
 ‘ dresses, and do that in a personated character
 ‘ may stain their real ones. A young milk-maid
 ‘ indulge herself in the innocent freedom of a g
 ‘ gown ; and a shepherdess, without thinking any l
 ‘ may lie down with a shepherd on a mossy bank ;
 ‘ all this while poor Sylvia may be so far lost in the
 ‘ ing thoughts of her new romantic attire, and
 ‘ mon’s soft endearing language, as never once to r
 ‘ who she is, ’till the romance is completed. Beside
 ‘ but consider, dear NESTOR, when a young l
 ‘ spirits are fermented with sparkling champaign,
 ‘ heart opened and dilated by the attractive gaiet
 ‘ every thing about her, her soul melted away by th
 ‘ airs of music and the gentle powers of motion ;
 ‘ word, the whole woman dissolved in a luxury of
 ‘ sure : I say, in such critical circumstances, in such
 ‘ guarded moments, how easy is it for a young t
 ‘ to be led aside by her stars. Therefore, good
 ‘ IRONSIDE, set your lion a roaring against
 ‘ dangerous assemblies : I can assure you, one good
 ‘ roar will be sufficient to deter my ward from t
 ‘ for she is naturally mighty fearful, and has been al
 ‘ used from her childhood to be frightned into
 ‘ behaviour. And it may prove too some bene
 ‘ yourself in the management of your own fen
 ‘ who, if they are not already, I don’t at all qu
 ‘ but they will be very shortly gadding after these
 ‘ night gambols. Therefore, to promote your
 ‘ peace and quietness, as well as mine, and the t
 ‘ of all young virgins, pray order your lion ; to
 ‘ his loudest notes against maskerades ; I am su
 ‘ would be a perfect concert to all good mothers,
 ‘ particularly charm the ears of

Your faithful friend and companion,
 OLD RUSTIS

Most worthy SIR,

BEING informed that the Evites daily increase, and that fig-leaves are shortly coming into fashion; I have hired me a piece of ground and planted it with fig-trees, the soil being naturally productive of them. I hope, good Sir, you will so far encourage my new project, as to acquaint the ladies, that I have now by me a choice collection of fig-leaves of all sorts and sizes, of a delicate texture and a lovely bright verdure, beautifully scolloped at the extremities, and most curiously wrought with variety of slender fibres ranged in beautiful meanders and windings. I have some very cool ones for summer, so transparently thin, that you may see through them, and others of a thicker substance for winter; I have likewise some very small ones of a particular species for little misses. So that I don't question but to give general satisfaction to all ladies whatsoever, that please to repair to me at the sign of the Adam and Eve near Cupid's-Gardens. If you will favour me with the insertion of this in your Guardian, I will make your favourite, the Sparkler, a present of some of the choicest fig-leaves I have, and lay before her feet the primitias of my new garden; and if you bring me a great many customers for my leaves, I promise you my figs shall be at your service.

I am, worthy SIR,

Your worship's most obedient

Humble servant,

ANTHONY EVER-GREEN.

N. B. 'I am now rearing up a set of fine furbelowed dock-leaves, which will be exceeding proper for old women and superannuated maids; those plants having two excellent good properties; the one, that they flourish best in dry ground; the other, that being clothed with several integuments of downy surfaces, they are exceeding warm and cherishing.'

TUESDAY,



N^o 143. TUESDAY, August 25.

Quis fuit, horrendos primus qui protulit enses?
Quàm ferus, & verè ferreus ille fuit!

TIBUL. Eleg. 10. l. 1. v.

Who first, with skill inhuman, did produce,
And teach mankind, the sword's destructive use?
What sense of pity could the monster feel!
Himself relentless as the murd'rous steel!

NOTWITHSTANDING the levity of the pun which is in the second line of my motto, the subject I am going upon is of the most serious consequence, and concerns no less than the peace and quiet, and (for ought I know) the very life and safety of every inoffensive and well disposed inhabitant of the city. Frequent complaints have been made to me, by men of discretion and sobriety, in most of the coffee houses from St. James's to Jonathan's, that there is sprung up of late a very numerous race of young fellows about the town, who have the confidence to walk the streets and come into all public places in open day-light, with swords of such immoderate length, as strike terror into a great many of her majesty's good subjects. Besides this, half a dozen of this fraternity in a room or a narrow street, are as inconvenient as so many turkeys, because you can pass neither backward nor forward, till you have first put their weapons aside. When Jack Lizard made his first trip to town from the university, he thought he could never bring up with him so much of the gentleman; this I soon perceived in the first visit he made me, when I remember, he came scraping in at the door, encumbered with a bar of cold iron so irksomely long, that it banged against the wall and jarred upon his right heel, as he walked, and came rattling behind him as he ran down the stairs. But his sister Annabella's rally soon cured him of this



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V. That every member do sit to the table, and with his hat, his sword and his gloves on.

VI. That there be no liquor drank but rack-punch quickned with brandy and gun-powder.

VII. That a large mortar be made use of for a punch bowl.

In all appearance it could be no other than a member of this club, who came last week to Button's, and over-against the lion with such a settled fierceness in countenance, as if he came to vie with that animal sternness of looks. His stature was somewhat low ; his motions quick and smart, and might be mistaken for startings and convulsions. He wore a broad stiff hat cudgel-proof, with an edging three fingers deep, thrust up into the fierce trooper's cock : To this was added a dark wig, very moderately curled, and tied in two large knots up to his ears ; his coat was short, and rich in tarnished lace ; his nostrils and his upper lip were all begrimed with snuff. At first I was in hopes the gentleman's friends took care not to intrust him with any weapon ; till, looking down, I could perceive a sword of most unwarrantable size, that hung carelessly below his knee, with two large tassels at the hilt, that played about his ancles.

I must confess I cannot help shrewdly suspecting the courage of the Terribles. I beg pardon if I am in the wrong when I think, that the long sword, and the swaggering cock, are the ordinary disguises of a faint heart. These men while they think to impose terror upon others, do but render themselves contemptible ; their very dress tells you that they are surrounded with fears, that they live in Hobbs's state of nature, and that they are never free from apprehensions. I dare say, a champion one should find there a great tendency to go cased in armour, and that nothing but the fear of a stronger ridicule restrains them from it. A brave man scorns to wear any thing, that may give him an advantage over his neighbour ; his great glory is neither to fear nor to be feared. I remember, when I was abroad, to have seen a buffoon in an opera, whose excessive cowardice

ver failed to set the whole audience into a loud laugh: but the scene which seemed to divert them most, was that in which he came on with a sword that reached quite across the stage, and was put to flight by an adversary, whose stature was not above four foot high, and whose weapon was not three foot long. This brings to my mind what I have formerly read of a king of Arabia, who shewing a rich sword, that had been presented to him, his courtiers unanimously gave their opinion, that it had no other fault, but that of being too short; upon which the king's son said, that there is no weapon too short for a brave man, since there needed no more but to advance one step to make it long enough. To this I shall subjoin, by way of corollary, that there is no weapon long enough for a coward, who ever thinks himself secure while he is within sight of an adversary's point. I would therefore advise these men of distant courage, as they tender their honour, to shorten their dimensions, and reduce their tilts to a more reputable, as well as a more portable size.



144. WEDNESDAY, August 26.

*Sua cuique quum sit animi cogitatio,
Colorque privus— —* PHÆDR. Prol. l. 5. v. 7.
Every man has his particular way of thinking and acting.

It is a very just, and a common observation upon the natives of this island, that in their different degrees, and in their several professions and employments, they abound as much and perhaps more, in good sense, than any people; and yet, at the same time there is scarce an Englishman of any life and spirit, that has not some odd cast of thought, some original humour that distinguishes him from his neighbour. Hence it is that our comedies are enriched with such a diversity of characters, as is not to be seen upon any other theatre in

in Europe. Even in the maskèrades that have been lately given to the town (though they are diversions are not accustomed to) the singularities of dress were carried much farther than is usual in foreign countries where the natives are trained up, as it were, from infancy to those amusements. The very same means of understanding, the very same accomplishments, very same defects, shall, amongst us, appear under quite different aspect in one man, to what they do in another. This makes it as impracticable to foreigners to enter into a thorough knowledge of the English, as would be to learn the Chinese language, in which there is a different character for every individual word. I know not how to explain this vein of humour so obvious in my countrymen better, than by comparing it to what the French call "Le goût du terroir" in wines; which they mean the different flavour one and the same grape shall draw from the different soils in which it is planted. This national mark is visible amongst us every rank and degree of men, from the persons of first quality and politest sense, down to the rudest and most ignorant of the people. Every mechanic has a peculiar cast of head and turn of wit, or some uncommon whim, as a characteristic, that distinguishes him from others of his trade, as well as from the multitude that are upon a level with him. We have a small-cowman, who from beginning with two plain notes, which made up his daily cry, has made himself master of the whole compass of the gamut, and has frequent concerts of music at his own house for the entertainment of himself and his friends. There is a person of great hospitality, who lives in a plastered cottage upon a road to Hamstead, and gets a superfluity of wealth by accommodating holiday passengers with ale, brandy pipes, tobacco, cakes, ginger bread; apples, peaches and other small refreshments of life; and on work-days takes the air in his chaise, and recreates himself with the elegant pleasures of the Beau-monde. The shining men amongst our mob, dignified by the title of ringleaders, have an inexhaustible fund of archness and gallery; as likewise have our sailors and watermen. Our very street-beggars are not without their peculiar oddities.



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‘ only more unlike one another, than any nation
 ‘ know; but we are more unlike ourselves too, at sev-
 ‘ ral times, and owe to our very air some ill qualiti-
 ‘ as well as many good.’

Ours is the only country, perhaps in the whole world, where every man, rich and poor, dares to have a humour of his own, and to avow it upon all occasions. I make no doubt, but that it is to this great freedom of temper, and this unconstrained manner of living that we owe, in a great measure, the number of shining geniuses, which rise up amongst us from time to time, the several arts and sciences, for the service and for the ornament of life. This frank and generous disposition in a people, will likewise never fail to keep up in their minds an aversion to slavery, and be, as it were, a standing bulwark of their liberties. So long as ever wit and humour continues, and the generality of us will have their own way of thinking, speaking and acting, the nation is not like to give any quarter to an invader, and much less to bear with the absurdities of popery, in exchange for an established and a reasonable faith.



N^o 145. THURSDAY, August 27.

Jure neget sibi nata, nihil non arroget armis.
 HOR. Ars Poet. v. 12

Scorning all judges, and all law, but arms.
 ROSCOMMO

AMONGST the several challenges and letters which my paper of the 25th has brought upon me, there happens to be one, which I know not what to make of. I am doubtful whether it is the archness of some wag, or the serious resentment of a coxcomb, that vents his indignation with an insipid pertness. In either of these two lights I think it may divert my readers, for which reason I shall make no scruple to comply with the gentleman's request, and make his letter public.

Old TESTY, Tilt-yard Coffee-house.

YOUR grey hairs for once shall be your protection, and this billet a fair warning to you for your audacious rallery upon the dignity of long swords. Look to it for the future; consider we brothers of the Blade are men of a "long reach:" Think betimes,

How many perils do environ
The man that meddles with cold iron.

It has always been held dangerous to play with edge-ools. I grant you, we men of valour are but awkward jesters; we know not how to repay joke for joke; but then we always make up in Point what we want in Wit. He that shall rashly attempt to regulate our hints, or reduce our blades, had need to have a heart of oak, as well as "Sides of Iron." Thus much for the present. In the mean time Bilbo is the word, remember that and tremble.

THO. SWAGGER.

This jocosse manner of bullying an old man, so long it affords some entertainment to my friends, is what shall not go about to discourage. However my witty agonist must give me leave, since he attacks me in overbs, to exchange a thrust or two with him at the same apens; and so let me tell Mr. Swagger, "There is no catching old birds with chaff;" and that "Brag is a good dog, but Hold-fast is a better. Fore-warned, fore-armed." Having dispatched this combatant, and given n as good as he brings, I proceed to exhibit the case a person who is the very reverse of the former; the ich he lays before me in the following epistle.

Worthy SIR,

I AM the most unfortunate of men, if you do not speedily interpose with your authority in behalf of gentleman, who, by his own example, has for these six nonths endeavoured, at the peril of his life, to bring ittle swords into fashion, in hopes to prevail upon the gentry by that means (winning them over inch by inch) o appear without any swords at all. It was my mis-

‘ fortune to call in at Tom’s last night, a little fuddled
 ‘ where I happened only to point towards an odd fellow
 ‘ with a monstrous sword, that made a ring round him
 ‘ as he turned upon his heel to speak to one or other in
 ‘ the room. Upon this Peccadillo the bloody-minded
 ‘ villain has sent me a challenge this morning. I trem-
 ‘ ble at the very thought of it, and am sick with the
 ‘ apprehension of seeing that weapon naked, which ter-
 ‘ rified me in the scabbard. The unconscionable ruffian
 ‘ desires, in the most civil terms, he may have the ho-
 ‘ nour of measuring swords with me. Alas, Sir, mine
 ‘ is not (hilt and all) above a foot and a half. I take
 ‘ the liberty of inclosing it to you in my wig-box, and
 ‘ shall be eternally obliged to you, if, upon fight
 ‘ it, your compassion may be so far moved, as to occasion
 ‘ you to write a good word for me to my adversary, or
 ‘ to say any thing that may shame him into reason, and
 ‘ save at once the life and reputation of,

SIR, Your most devoted slave,

TIMOTHY BODKIN

Good Mr. BODKIN,

THE perusal of this paper will give you to under-
 stand, that your letter, together with the little im-
 plement you sent me in the band-box, came safe to
 hands. From the dimensions of it I perceive your ca-
 rage lies in a narrow compass. Suppose you should see
 this bravo the fellow to it, and desire him to meet you
 a closet, letting him know, at the same time, that you
 fight all your duels under lock and key for the sake
 of privacy. But, if this proposal seems a little too ra-
 dic, I shall send my servant with your sword to the per-
 son offended, and give him instructions to tell him, you are
 a little pur-blind, and dare not for that reason trust the
 longer weapon, and that an inch in his body will do you
 as much business as well as an ell: Or, if you would have me pro-
 ceed yet more cautiously, my servant shall let him know
 as from me, that he should meddle with his match; and
 that alone, if he be a man of honour, will make him
 reflect; if otherwise (as I am very inclinable to doubt
 it) you need give yourself no farther unnecessary fears.



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N^o 146. FRIDAY, August 28.

Primus hominum leonem manu tractare ausus, & ost
mansuetum, Hanno è clarissimis Pœnorum tradit

Hanno, a noble Carthaginian, is reported to have be
first man, who ventur'd to handle a lion, and bring
up tame.

TH E generality of my readers, I find, are f
pleased with the story of the lion, in my
of the 20th instant, and with my friend's desi
compiling a history of that noble species of ani
that a great many ingenious persons have promis
their assistance to bring in materials for the work,
all the llore-houses of ancient and modern learni
well as from oral tradition. For a farther enco
ment of the undertaking, a considerable number c
tuosi have offered, when my collection shall swell
reasonable bulk, to contribute very handsomly, b
of subscription, towards the printing of them in
on a large royal paper, curiously adorned with v
of forests, desarts, rocks and caves, and lions
sorts and fizes upon copper-plates by the best)
A rich old batchelor of Lion's-Inn, (who is zealc
the honour of the place in which he was edu
sends me word, I may depend upon a hundred p
from him, towards the embellishing of the v
assuring me, at the same time, that he will set his
to search the records, and inquire into the antic
of that honse, that there may be no stone left un
to make the book complete. Considering the vo
that have been written upon insects and reptiles, a
vast expence and pains some philosophers have b
to discover, by the help of glassies, their almo
perceptible qualities and perfections; it will
hope, be thought unreasonable, if the lion t
ma

majestick form lies open to the naked eye) should take up a first rate Folio.

A worthy merchant, and a friend of mine, sends me the following letter, to be inserted in my commentaries upon lions.

S I R,

S I N C E one of your correspondents, has, of late entertained the publick with a very remarkable and ancient piece of history, in honour of the grandees of the forest; and since it is probable you may in time collect a great many curious records and amazing circumstances, which may contribute to make these animals respected over the face of the whole earth; I am not a little ambitious to have the glory of contributing somewhat to so generous an undertaking. If you throw your work into the form of chronicle, I am in hopes I may furnish out a page in it towards the latter end of the volume, by a narration of a modern date, which I had in the year 1700, from the gentleman to whom it happened.

About sixty years ago, when the plague raged at Naples, Sir George Davis (consul there for the English nation) retired to Florence. It happened one day he went out of curiosity to see the great duke's lions. At the farther end, in one of the dens, lay a lion, which the keepers in three years time could not tame, with all the art and gentle usage imaginable. Sir George no sooner appeared at the grates of the den, but the lion ran to him with all the marks of joy and transport he was capable of expressing: He reared himself up and licked his hand, which this gentleman put in through the grates. The keeper affrighted, took him by the arm and pulled him away, begging him not to hazard his life by going so near the fiercest creature of that kind, that ever entered those dens. However, nothing would satisfy Sir George, notwithstanding all that could be said to dissuade him, but he must go into the den to him. The very instant he entered, the lion threw his paws upon his shoulders, and licked his face, and ran to and fro in the den, fawning, and full of joy, like a dog at

‘ the fight of his master. After several embraces and
 ‘ salutations exchanged on both sides, they parted very
 ‘ good friends. The rumour of this interview between
 ‘ the lion and the stranger rung immediately through
 ‘ the whole city, and Sir George was very near passing
 ‘ for a saint among the people. The great duke, when
 ‘ he heard of it, sent for Sir George, who waited upon
 ‘ his highness to the den, and to satisfy his curiosity,
 ‘ gave him the following account of what seemed so
 ‘ strange to the duke and his followers.

‘ A captain of a ship from Barbary gave me this
 ‘ lion when he was a young whelp. I brought him up
 ‘ tame; but when I thought him too large to be suf-
 ‘ fered to run about the house, I built a den for him in
 ‘ my court-yard; from that time he was never permit-
 ‘ ted to go loose, except when I brought him within
 ‘ doors to shew him to my friends. When he was five
 ‘ years old, in his gamesome tricks, he did some mischief
 ‘ by pawing and playing with people: Having griped
 ‘ a man one day a little too hard, I ordered him to be
 ‘ shot, for fear of incurring the guilt of what might
 ‘ happen; upon this, a friend, who was then at dinner
 ‘ with me begged him: How he came here I know not.

‘ Here Sir George Davis ended; and thereupon the
 ‘ duke of Tuscany assured him, that he had the lion from
 ‘ that very friend of his.

I am, SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

and constant reader, &c.





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prison for debt; and his lady, with a son and daughters became a burden to the parish. The life of Frank Foresight was the very reverse to squires. He had lived a bachelor some years about town, in the best of companies; kept a chariot and four footmen, besides six saddle horses; he did not exceed, but went to the utmost stretch of his income when he married the beautiful Clarinda (who brought him a plentiful fortune) he dismissed two of his men, four of the saddle horses, and his chariot kept only a chair for the use of his lady. Embroidered clothes and laced linen were quite laid aside; he married in a plain druggit, and from that time forward, in all the accommodations of life, never cared for any thing beyond cleanliness and conveniency. Every body of his acquaintance asked him the reason of this sudden change; he would answer, ‘ In single life I could easily compute my wants, and provide for them; but the condition of life, I am now engaged in, is attended with a thousand unforeseen casualties, as well as a great many distant, but unavoidable expences. The happiness or misery, in this world, of a future progeny, will probably depend upon my good or ill husbandry. I shall never think I have discharged my duty, ’till I have laid up a provision for three or four children at least.’ But prythee, says a pert coxcomb that stood by, why shouldst thou reckon thy chickens before—upon which he cut him short, and replied, “ It is no matter; a brave man never want heirs, while there is one man of his family living.” This precautious way of reasoning and action has proved to Mr. Foresight and his lady an uninterrupted source of felicity. Wedlock sits light and easy upon them; and they are at present happy in two sons and a daughter, who a great many years hence will be the good effects of their parents prudence.

My memory fails me in recollecting where I first read, that in some parts of Holland it is provided by law that every man, before he marries, shall be obliged to plant a certain number of trees, proportionable to his circumstances, as a pledge to the government for the maintenance of his children. Every honest as well

very prudent man should do something equivalent to this, by retrenching all superfluous and idle expences, instead of following the extravagant practice of persons, who sacrifice every thing to their present vanity, and never are a day beforehand in thought. I know not what delight splendid nuptials may afford to the generality of the great world; I could never be present at any of them without a heavy heart. It is with pain I refrain from tears, when I see the bride thoughtlessly jigging it about the room, dishonoured with jewels, and dazzling the eyes of the whole assembly at the expence of her children's future subsistence. How singular, in the age we live in, is the moderate behaviour of young Sophia, and how amiable does she appear in the eyes of wise men! Her lover, a little before marriage, acquainted her, that he intended to lay out a thousand pounds for a present in jewels, but before he did it, desired to know what sort would be most acceptable to her. Sir, replied Sophia, thank you for your kind and generous intentions, and I only beg they may be executed in another manner: Be pleased only to give me the money, and I will try to lay it out to a better advantage. I am not, continues she, at all fond of those expensive trifles; neither do I think the wearing of diamonds can be any addition, nor the absence of them any diminution, to my happiness. I should be ashamed to appear in public for a few days in a dress which does not become me at all times. Besides, I see by that modest plain garb of yours, that you are not yourself affected with the gaiety of apparel. When I am your wife, my only care will be to keep my person clean and neat for you, and not to make it fine for others. The gentleman, transported with this excellent turn of mind in his mistress, presented her with the money in new gold. She purchased an annuity with it; out of the income of which, at every revolution of her wedding-day, she makes her husband some pretty present, as a token of her gratitude, and a fresh pledge of her love; part of it she yearly distributes among her indigent and best deserving neighbours; and the small remainder she lays out in something useful for herself, or the children.



N^o 148. MONDAY, August 31.

.....Fas est & ab hoste doceri.

OVID. Met. l. 4. v. 428.

'Tis good to learn ev'n from an enemy.

THERE is a kind of apophthegm, which I have frequently met with in my reading, to this purpose: "That there are few, if any books, out of which a man of learning may not extract something for his use." I have often experienced the truth of this maxim, when calling in at my bookseller's, I have taken the book next to my hand off the counter, to employ the minutes I have been obliged to linger away there, in waiting for one friend or other. Yesterday when I came there, the Turkish Tales happened to lie in my way; upon opening of that amusing author, I happened to dip upon a short tale, which gave me a great many serious reflections. The very same fable may fall into the hands of a great many men of wit and pleasure, who, it is probable, will read it with their usual levity; but since it may as probably divert and instruct a great many persons of plain and virtuous minds, I shall make no scruple of making it the entertainment of this day's paper. The moral to be drawn from it is intirely christian, and is so very obvious, that I shall leave to every reader the pleasure of picking it out for him-

may be taken, that a great many notions in the Mahometan religion are borrowed from the Holy Scriptures.

The History of Santon Barfisa.

THERE was formerly a Santon whose name was Barfisa, which for the space of an hundred years very fervently applied himself to prayers; and scarce
ever



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“vourable an opportunity with so charmi
 “Fear not her telling of the violence yo
 “she were even so indiscreet as to reve
 “believe her? The court, the city, and
 “are too much prepossessed in your favou
 “credit to such a report. You may do
 “punished, when armed by the great
 “wisdom, which you have acquired.”
 nate Barsifa was so weak as to hearken to
 mankind. He approached the princess,
 his arms, and in a moment cancelled a vir
 dred years duration.

He had no sooner perpetrated his crim
 sand avenging horrors haunted him night
 thus accosts the devil: “Oh wretch,” fi
 “thou which halt destroyed me! Thou ha
 “me for a whole age, and endeavoured
 “and now at last thou halt gained thy enc
 “ton!” answered the devil, “don’t rep
 “the pleasure thou halt enjoyed. Thou’r
 “But what is unhappy for thee is, that
 “impregnated, and thy sin will become p
 “wilt become the laughing-stock of tho
 “and reverence thee at present, and the
 “thee to an ignominious death.

Barsifa terrified by this discourse, says
 “What shall I do to prevent the publ
 “shame?” “To hinder the knowledge
 “you ought to commit a fresh one,” answ
 “Kill the princess, bury her at the corner
 “and when the king’s messengers come t
 “them you have cured her, and that she
 “grotto very early in the morning: Tho
 “you, and search for her all over the city
 “and the king her father will be in grea
 “but after several vain searches it wil w

The hermit abandoned by God, pu
 advice, killed the princess, buried her i
 the grotto, and the next day told the
 the devil bid him say. They made di
 for the king’s daughter, but not being:

er, they despaired of finding her, when the devil told them that all their search for the princess was vain; and relating what had passed betwixt her and the Santon, he told them the place where she was interred. The officers immediately went to the grotto, seized Barfisa, and found the princess's body in the place to which the devil had directed them; whereupon they took up the corps, and carried that and the Santon to the palace.

When the king saw his daughter dead, and was informed of the whole event, he broke out into tears and bitter lamentations; and assembling the doctors, he laid the Santon's crime before them, and asked their advice how he should be punished. All the doctors condemned him to death, upon which the king ordered him to be hanged: Accordingly, a gibbet was erected: the hermit went up the ladder, and when he was going to be turned off, the devil whispered in his ear these words: "O Santon! if you will worship me I will extricate you out of this difficulty, and transport you two thousand leagues from hence, into a country where you shall be revered by men, as much as you were before this adventure." "I am content," says Barfisa; "deliver me, and I will worship thee." "Give me first a sign of adoration," replies the devil. Whereupon the Santon bowed his head, and said, "I give myself to you." The devil then raising his voice, said, "O Barfisa, I am satisfied; I have obtained what I desired:" And with these words, spitting in his face, he disappeared; and the deluded Santon was hanged.



N^o 149. TUESDAY, September 1.

-----Utatur vestis amore tuæ.

OVID.

Your very dress shall captivate his heart.

I HAVE, in a former precaution, endeavoured to shew the mechanism of an epic poem, and given the reader prescriptions whereby he may, without the scarce ingredient of a genius, compose the several parts of that great work. I shall now treat of an affair of more general importance, and make dress the subject of the following paper.

Dress is grown of universal use in the conduct of life. Civilities and respect are only paid to appearance. It is a varnish that gives a lustre to every action, "a passe par tout" that introduces us into all polite assemblies, and the only certain method of making most of the youth of our nation conspicuous.

There was formerly an absurd notion among the men of letters, that to establish themselves in the character of wits, it was absolutely necessary to shew a contempt of dress. This injudicious affectation of theirs flattened all their conversation; took off the force of every expression, and incapacitated a female audience from giving attention to any thing they said. While the man of dress catches their eyes as well as ears, and at every ludicrous turn obtains a laugh of applause by way of compliment.

I shall lay down as an established maxim, which hath been received in all ages, that no person can dress without a genius.

A genius is never to be acquired by art, but is the gift of nature; it may be discovered even in infancy. Little master will smile when you shake his plume of feathers before him, and thrust its little knuckles in papa's full-bottom; miss will toy with her mother's Mechlen lace, and gaze on the gaudy colours of a fan; she



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As Aristotle obliges all dramatick writers to a strict observance of time, place, and action, in order to compose a just work of this kind of poetry; so it is absolutely necessary for a person that applies himself to the study of dress, to have a strict regard to these three particulars.

To begin with the *time*. What is more absurd than the velvet gown in summer? and what is more agreeable in the winter? the muff and fur are preposterous in July which are charmingly supplied by the Turkey handkerchief and the fan. Every thing must be suitable to the season, and there can be no propriety in dress without strict regard to *time*.

You must have no less respect to *place*. What gives a lady a more easy air than the wrapping gown in the morning at the tea-table? The Bath countenances the men of dress in showing themselves at the pump in the Indian night-gowns, without the least indecorum.

Action is what gives the spirit both to writing a dress. Nothing appears graceful without *action*; the head, the arms, the legs, must all conspire to give a little bit a genteel air. What distinguishes the air of the court from that of the country but *action*? A lady, by the careless toss of her head, will shew a set of ribbons to advantage; by a pinch of snuff judiciously taken will display the glittering ornament of her little finger; by the new modelling her tucker, at one view present you with a fine turned hand, and a rising bosom. In order to be a proficient in *action*, I cannot sufficiently recommend the science of Dancing: this will give the feet an easy gait, and the arms a gracefulness of motion. If a person have not a strict regard to these three above mentioned rules of antiquity, the richest dress will appear stiff and affected, and the most gay habit fantastic and taudry.

As different sorts of poetry require a different style, the Elegy, tender and mournful; the Ode, gay and sprightly; the Epic, sublime, &c. so must the widow confine her grief in the veil; the bride frequently makes her joy and exultation conspicuous in the silver brocade and the plume and the scarlet dye is requisite to give

the soldier a martial air. There is another kind of occasional dress in use among the ladies; I mean the riding habit, which some have not injudiciously stiled the Her-aphroditical, by reason of its masculine and feminine composition; but I shall rather choose to call it the Pin-eric, as its first institution was at a New-Market horse-ice, and as it is a mixture of the sublimity of the epic with the easy softness of the ode.

There sometimes arises a great genius in dress, who cannot content himself with merely copying from others, but at will, as he sees occasion, strike out into the long pocket, flash'd sleeve, or something particular in the disposition of his lace, or the flourish of his embroidery. Such a person, like the masters of other sciences, will show that he hath a manner of his own.

On the contrary, there are some pretenders to dress who shine out but by halves; whether it be for want of genius or money. A dancing-master of the lowest rank seldom fails of the scarlet stocking and the red heel; and shows a particular respect to the Leg and Foot, to which he owes his subsistence: when at the same time perhaps all the superior ornament of his body is neglected. We may say of these sort of dressers what Horace says of his patch-work poets,

Purpureus latè qui splendeat unus & alter
Affuitur pannus—— Ars Poet. v. 15.

—————A few florid lines
Shine thro' th' insipid dulness of the rest.
ROSCOMMON.

Others who lay the stress of beauty in their face, exert their extravagance in the periwig, which is a kind of index of the mind; the full-bottom formally comb'd all before, denotes the lawyer and the politician; the smart tye-wig with the black ribbon shows a man of fierceness of temper; and he that burdens himself with a superfluity of white hair which flows down the neck, and mantles in waving curls over the shoulders, is generally observed to be less curious in the furniture of the inward recesses of the skull, and lays himself open to the application of that censure which Milton applies to a fair sex.

— of outward form

Elaborate, of inward less exact.

A lady of genius will give a genteel air to her whole dress by a well-fancied suit of knots, as a judicious writer gives a spirit to a whole sentence by a single expression. As words grow old, and new ones enrich the language, so there is a constant succession of dress; the fringe succeeds the lace, the stays shorten or extend the waist, the ribbon undergoes divers variations, the head-dress receives frequent rises and falls every year; and in short the whole woman throughout, as curious observers of dress have remarked, is changed from top to toe in the period of five years. A poet will now and then, to serve his purpose, coin a word, so will a lady of genius venture at an innovation in the fashion; but as Horace advises, that all new-minted words should have a Greek derivation to give them an indisputable authority, so I would counsel all our improvers of fashion always to take the hint from France, which may as properly be called the “fountain of dress,” as Greece was of literature.

Dress may bear a parallel to poetry with respect to moving the passions. The greatest motive to Love, daily experience shows us, is Dress. I have known a lady at sight fly to a red feather, and readily give her hand to a fringed pair of gloves. At another time I have seen the awkward appearance of her rural humble servant move her indignation; she is jealous every time her rival hath a new suit; and in a rage when her woman pins her mantua to disadvantage. Unhappy, unguarded woman! alas! what moving rhetorick has she oft found in the seducing full-bottom? Who can tell the resistless eloquence of the embroidered coat, the golden snuff-box, and the amber-headed cane?

I shall conclude these criticisms with some general remarks upon the Millener, the Mantua-maker, and the Lady's Woman, these being the three chief on which the circumstances of dress depend.

The Millener must be thoroughly versed in physiognomy; in the choice of ribbons she must have a particular regard to the complexion, and must ever be careful to cut the head-dress to the dimensions of the face.



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By what I have said, I believe my reader will be convinced, that notwithstanding the many pretenders, the perfection of dress cannot be attained without a genius and shall venture boldly to affirm, that in all arts and sciences whatever, Epic poetry excepted, (of which I formerly showed the Knack or Mechanism,) a genius is absolutely necessary.



N^o. 150. WEDNESDAY, September 2.

---- Nescio quâ dulcedine læti,
Progeniem nidosque fovent ---

VIRG. Georg. 4. v. 55

----- with secret joy,
Their young succession all their cares employ.

DRYDEN

I WENT the other day to visit Eliza, who in the perfect bloom of beauty, is the mother of several children. She had a little prating girl upon her lap, who was begging to be very fine, that she might go abroad; and the indulgent mother, at her little daughter's request, had just taken the knots off her own head, to adorn the hair of the pretty trisler. A smiling boy was at the same time caressing a lap-dog, which is their mother's favourite, because it pleases the children; and she, with a delight in her looks which heightened her beauty, so divided her conversation with the two pretty prattlers, as to make them both equally chearful.

As I came in, she said with a blush, "Mr. IRONSIDE, tho' you are an old batchelor, you must not laugh at my tenderness to my children." I need not tell my reader, what civil things I said in answer to the lady, whose matron-like behaviour gave me infinite satisfaction: since I myself take great pleasure in playing with children, and am seldom unprovided of plumbs

my court to such entertaining com-

I to myself when I was alone, that
 ents is so intense to their off-spring?
 generally find such resemblances in-
 duced, as that thereby they think
 in their children, and are willing
 ves to future times? or is it, be-
 themselves obliged, by the dictates
 wish and rear what is placed so im-
 air protection; and what by their
 to this world!, the scene of misery,
 will not come up to it. Is it not
 providence of that Being, who in a
 e. protects and cherishes the whole
 his sons and creatures? How shall
 account for this natural affection,
 throughout every species of the ani-
 out which the course of nature
 and every various kind be extinct?
 nefs in the most savage brutes are
 otations of that kind are altogether

no particular concern in them, take
 observing the gentle dawn of reason
 s are soothed with their half forming
 late sounds: if we are charmed with
 ry, and surpris'd at the unexpected
 unning in these miniatures of man:
 we imagine in the breasts of those,
 instinct hath poured tenderness and
 how amiable is such a weakness in
 rather, how great a weakness is it,
 reproachful a name! The bare confi-
 d' affection' should methinks create a
 erness in children toward their pa-
 erally see; and the silent whispers of
 to, though the laws of God and man

ispers of nature have had a mar-
 n when their cause hath been un-
 e several examples in story of tender
 friend-

friendships formed betwixt men, who knew their near relation. Such accounts confirm opinion I have long entertained, that there is sympathy betwixt souls, which cannot be explained by prejudice of education, the sense of duty, or any human motive.

The memoirs of a certain French nobleman now lie before me, furnish me with a very striking instance of this secret attraction, implanted in the human soul. It will be necessary to inform the reader, that the person whose story I am to relate, was one whose roving and romantic temper joined to a disposition singularly amorous, had through a vast variety of galantries and amours had, in his youth, attended a princess of Poland, where he had been entertained by the king, and married the daughter of a grandee. On her death he returned into his native country, where his intrigues and other misfortunes had dissipated his paternal estate, he now went to take possession of the fortune his deceased wife had left him. In his journey he was robbed before he reached his destination, and lay ill of a fever, when he met the following adventure; which he shall relate in his own words.

‘ I had been in this condition for four days, when the countess of Venoski passed that way. She perceived that a stranger of good fashion lay in bed, and her charity led her to see me. I remembered that I had often seen her with my wife, to whom she was nearly related; but when I found she knew me, I thought fit to conceal my name. I told her I was a German; that I had been robbed; and that she had the charity to send me to Warsaw, that she might acknowledge it; I having the honour to be a subject of her majesty. The countess had the goodness to show me the compassion of me; and ordering me to be put in a litter, carried me to Warsaw, where I was taken up to her house till my health should allow me to return to the queen.

‘ My fever increased after my journey, and I was confined to my bed for fifteen days.



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picture ; and that every now and then they cast their eyes upon me, as if they had found some resemblance betwixt that and my features. I could not forbear to ask the meaning of it ; upon which the lady answered, that if I had been a Frenchman, she should have imagined that I was the person for whom the picture was drawn, because it so exactly resembled me. I desired to see it. But how great was my surprize ! when I found it to be the very painting, which I had sent to the queen, five years before, and which she commanded me to get drawn to be given to my children. After I had viewed the piece, I cast my eyes upon the young lady, and then upon the gentleman I had thought to be her lover. My heart beat, and I felt a secret emotion which filled me with wonder. I thought I traced in the two young persons some of my own features, and at that moment I said to myself, “ Are not these my children ? ” The tears came into my eyes, and I was about to run and embrace him ; but constraining myself with pain, I asked whose picture it was ? The maid, perceiving that I could not speak without tears, fell a weeping. Her tears absolutely confirmed me in my opinion. and falling upon his neck, “ Ah my dear child,” said I, “ yes, I am your father.” I could say no more. The youth seized my hands at the same time, and kissing, bathed them with his tears. Throughout my life, I never felt a joy equal to this ; and it must be owned, that nature inspires more lively motions and pleasing tenderness than the passions can possibly excite.





N^o 151. THURSDAY, September 3.

Accipiat sanè mercedem sanguinis, & sic
Palleat, ut nudis pressit qui calcibus anguem,

JUV. Sat. i. v. 426

A dear-bought bargain, all things duly weigh'd,
For which their thrice-concocted blood is paid;
With looks as van, as he, who, in the brake,
At unawares has trod upon a snake. DRYDEN,

To the GUARDIAN.

Old NESTOR,

I BELIEVE you distance me not so much in years as in wisdom, and therefore since you have gained so deserved a reputation, I beg your assistance in correcting the manners of an untoward lad, who perhaps may listen to your admonitions, sooner than to all the severe checks, and grave reproofs of a father. Without any longer preamble, you must know, Sir, that about two years ago, Jack my eldest son and heir was sent up to London, to be admitted of the Temple not so much with a view of his studying the law, as a desire to improve his breeding. This was done out of complaisance to a cousin of his, an airy lady, who was continually teizing me, that the boy would shoot up into a mere country booby, if he did not see a little of the world. She herself was bred chiefly in town, and since she was married into the country, neither looks, nor talks, nor dresses like any of her neighbours, and is grown the admiration of every one but her husband. The latter end of last month some important business called me up to town, and the first thing I did, the next morning about ten, was to pay a visit to my son at his chambers; but as I begun to knock at the door, I was interrupted by the bed-maker in the stair-case, who told me her master

• seldom rose till about twelve, and abo
 • be lue to find him drinking tea. I
 • what hastily hold her prating, and
 • which accordingly she did. The first
 • ed upon the table was the secret am
 • and by it stood a box of pills; on a c
 • box with a fan half broke, and on the
 • foils. Having leen this furnitnre I e
 • chamber, not without some noise; w
 • gan to swear at his bed-maker (as I
 • disturbing him so soon, and was turnir
 • other nap, when he discovered such a
 • ly visage, that had I not heard his voi
 • ver have guessed him to have been my
 • ferent was this countenance from th
 • complexion, which he had at partin
 • home! After I had waked him, he ga
 • stand, that he was but lately recovered
 • fever, and the reason why he did r
 • with it, was, lest the melancholy ne
 • sion too many tears among his relatic
 • unsupportable grief to his mother. T
 • you, old NESTOR, I buried my yo
 • into the country along with me, and
 • vouring to plump him up, so as to be
 • his pedigree; for I assure you it was
 • the memory of man, that any one of t
 • Ringwoods ever fell into a consumpti
 • Dorothy Ringwood, who died a maid
 • to bring him to himself, and to be on
 • make him go to bed at ten, and rise i
 • five; and when he is puling for bohe
 • I place upon a table a jolly piece of
 • or well-powdered ham, and bid him e
 • take him into the fields to observe th
 • the harvelt goes forwards. There is
 • with his present constitution but his
 • spirits him up, and tells him, he looks
 • well-shaped; but the honest tenants f
 • and cry, lack-a-day, how thin is po
 • fallen! The other day, when I told h
 • the impudence to reply, I hope, Sir,



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‘ And in the drawer of the table was the following
‘ billet.

Mr. RINGWOOD,

‘ I desire, that because you are such a country boob
‘ that you forget the use and care of your snuff-box
‘ you would not call me thief. Pray see my - face
‘ more.

Your abused friend,

SARAH GALLOP

‘ Under these words my hopeful heir had writ, M
‘ morandum, to send her word I have found my bo
‘ though I know she has it.



N^o 152. FRIDAY, September 4.

Quin potiùs pacem æternam pactosque hymenæos
Exerceamus ----- VIRG. Æn. 4. v.

Rather in leagues of endless peace unite,
And celebrate the hymeneal rite.

TH E R E is no rule in Longinus which I more
admire than that wherein he advises an author who
would attain to the sublime, and writes for eternity,
consider, when he is engaged in his composition, what
Homer or Plato, or any other of those heroes, in
learned world, would have said or thought upon
same occasion. I have often practised this rule, with
regard to the best authors among the ancients, as well
as among the moderns. With what success, I must leave
to the judgment of others. I may at least venture
to say with Mr. Dryden, where he professes to have imi-
tated Shakespear's stile, that in imitating such great
authors I have always excelled myself.

I have also by this means revived several antiquated
ways of writing, which though very instructive
entertaining, had been laid aside, and forgotten

ne ages. I shall in this place only mention those allegories wherein virtues, vices and human passions are introduced as real actors. Though this kind of composition was practised by the finest authors among the ancients, our countryman Spenser is the last writer of note who has applied himself to it with success.

That an allegory may be both delightful and instructive; in the first place, the fable of it ought to be perfect, and if possible to be filled with surprising turns and incidents. In the next, there ought to be useful morals and reflexions couched under it, which still receive a greater value from their being new and uncommon; as so from their appearing difficult to have been thrown into emblematical types and shadows.

I was once thinking to have written a whole canto in the spirit of Spenser, and in order to it contrived a fable of imaginary persons and characters. I raised it on that common dispute between the comparative perfections and preeminence of the two sexes, each of which have very frequently had their advocates among the men of letters. Since I have not time to accomplish this work, I shall present my reader with the naked fable, reserving the embellishments of verse and poetry to another opportunity.

The two sexes contending for superiority, were once at war with each other, which was chiefly carried on by their auxiliaries. The males were drawn up on the one side of a very spacious plain, the females on the other; between them was left a very large interval for their auxiliaries to engage in. At each extremity of this middle space lay encamped several bodies of neutral forces, who waited for the event of the battle before they would declare themselves, that they might then act as they saw occasion.

The main body of the male auxiliaries was commanded by *Fortitude*; that of the female by *Beauty*. *Fortitude* began the onset on *Beauty*, but found to his cost, that she had such a particular witchcraft in her looks, as withered all his strength. She played upon him so many smiles and glances, that she quite weakened and disarmed him.

In short he was ready to call for quarter, had not *Wisdom* come to his aid: this was the commander of the male right wing, and would have turned the fate of the day, had not he been timely opposed by *Cunning* who commanded the left wing of the female auxiliaries. *Cunning* was the chief inginer of the fair army; but upon this occasion was posted, as I have here said, to receive the attacks of *Wisdom*. It was very entertaining to see the workings of these two antagonists; the conduct of the one, and the stratagems of the other. Never was there a more equal match. Those who beheld it gave the victory sometimes to the one, and sometimes to the other, tho' most declared the advantage was on the side of the female commander.

In the mean time the conflict was very great in the left wing of the army, where the battle began to turn to the male side. This wing was commanded by an old experienced officer called *Patience*, and on the female side by a general known by the name of *Scorn*. The latter, that fought after the manner of the Parthians, had the better of it all the beginning of the day; but being quite tired out with the long pursuits, and repeated attacks of the enemy, who had been repulsed above hundred times, and rallied as often, begun to think of yielding. When on a sudden a body of neutral force began to move. The leader was of an ugly look, and gigantick stature. He acted like a drawcanfir, sparing neither friend nor foe. His name was *Lust*. On the female side he was opposed by a select body of forces commanded by a young officer that had the face of a Cherubim, and the name of *Modesty*. This beautiful young hero was supported by one of a more masculine turn, and fierce behaviour, called by *Men Honour* and by the *Gods Pride*. This last made an obstinate defence, and drove back the enemy more than once but at length resigned at discretion.

The dreadful monster after having overturned whole squadrons in the female army, fell in among the males where he made a more terrible havock than on the other side. He was here opposed by *Reason*, who drew up all his forces against him, and held the fight in suspense for some time, but at length quitted the field.

After



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N^o 153. SATURDAY, September 5.

Admiranda tibi levium spectacula rerum.

VIRG. Georg. 4. v. 3.

A mighty pomp, tho' made of little things.

DRYDEN.

THERE is no passion which steals into the heart more imperceptibly, and covers itself under more disguises, than pride. For my own part, I think there is any passion or vice which I am wholly a stranger to, it is this; though at the same time, perhaps this very judgment which I form of myself, proceeds in some measure from this corrupt principle.

I have been always wonderfully delighted with that sentence in holy writ, "Pride was not made for man." There is not indeed any single view of human nature under its present condition, which is not sufficient to extinguish in us all the secret seeds of pride; and, on the contrary, to sink the soul into the lowest state of humility, and what the school-men call self-annihilation. Pride was not made for man, as he is,

1. A sinful,
2. An ignorant,
3. A miserable being.

There is nothing in his understanding, in his will or in his present condition, that can tempt any considerate creature to pride or vanity.

These three very reasons why he should not be proud are notwithstanding the reasons why he is so. Were not he a sinful creature, he would not be subject to a passion which rises from the depravity of his nature; were he not an ignorant creature, he would see that he has nothing to be proud of; and were not the whole species miserable, he would not have those wretched objects of comparison before his eyes, which are the occasions of his passion, and which make one man value himself more than another.

A wise man will be contented that his glory be deferred 'till such time as he shall be truly glorified; when his understanding shall be cleared, his will rectified, and his happiness assured; or in other words, when he shall be neither sinful, nor ignorant, nor miserable.

If there be any thing which makes human nature appear *ridiculous* to Beings of superior faculties, it must be pride. They know so well the vanity of those imaginary perfections that swell the heart of man, and of those little supernumerary advantages, whether in birth, fortune, or title, which one man enjoys above another, that it must certainly very much astonish, if it does not very much divert them, when they see a mortal puffed up, and valuing himself above his neighbours on any of these accounts, at the same time that he is obnoxious to all the common calamities of the species.


To set this thought in its true light, we will fancy, if you please, that yonder mole-hill is inhabited by reasonable creatures, and that every pismire (his shape and way of life only excepted) is endowed with human passions. How should we smile to hear one give us an account of the pedigrees, distinctions, and titles that reign among them? Observe how the whole swarm divide and make way for the pismire that passes through them! you must understand he is an emmet of quality, and has better blood in his veins than any pismire in the mole-hill. Don't you see how sensible he is of it, how slow he marches forward, how the whole rabble of ants keep their distance? Here you may observe one placed upon a little eminence, and looking down on a long row of labourers. He is the richest insect on this side the hillock, he has a walk of half a yard in length and a quarter of an inch in breadth, he keeps an hundred menial servants, and has at least fifteen barley-corns in his granary. He is now chiding and beslaving the emmet that stands before him, and who, for all that we can discover, is as good an emmet as himself.

But here comes an insect of figure! Don't you take notice of a little white straw that he carries in his mouth? That straw, you must understand, he would not part with for the longest tract about the mole-hill: did you not know what he has undergone to purchase it! See how

the ants of all qualities and conditions swarm about him. Should this straw drop out of his mouth, you would see all this numerous circle of attendants follow the next that took it up, and leave the discarded insect, or run over his back, to come at his successor.

If now you have a mind to see all the ladies of the mole-hill, observe first the pismire that listens to the emmet on her left hand, at the same time that she seems to turn away her head from him. He tells this poor insect that she is a goddess, that her eyes are brighter than the sun, that life and death are at her disposal. She believes him, and gives herself a thousand little airs upon it. Mark the vanity of the pismire on your left hand. She can scarce crawl with age; but you must know she values herself upon her birth; and if you mind, spurns at every one that comes within her reach. The little nimble coquette that is running along by the side of her, is a wit. She has broke many a pismire's heart. Do but observe what a drove of lovers are running after her.

We will here finish this imaginary scene; but first of all, to draw the parallel closer, will suppose, if you please, that death comes down upon the mole-hill, in the shape of a cock-sparrow, who picks up, without distinction, the pismire of quality and his flatterers, the pismire of substance and day-labourers, the white-straw officer and his sycophants, with all the goddesses, wits, and beauties of the mole-hill.

May we not imagine that beings of superior natures and perfections regard all the instances of pride and vanity, among our own species, in the same kind of view, when they take a survey of those who inhabit the earth; or, in the language of an ingenious French poet, of those pismires that people this heap of dirt, which human vanity has divided into climates and regions. 





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‘ more polite and better-bred part of the company. Be-
 ‘ sides, as from their usual reception they are called fa-
 ‘ miliars, I fancied I should, in this character, be allow-
 ‘ ed the greatest liberties, and soonest be led into the se-
 ‘ crets of the masquerade. ‘ To recommend and distin-
 ‘ guish me from the vulgar, I drew a very long tail after
 ‘ me. But to speak the truth, what persuaded me most
 ‘ to this disguise was, because I heard an intriguing lady
 ‘ say, in a large company of females, who unanimously
 ‘ assented to it, that she loved to converse with such, for
 ‘ that generally they were very clever fellows who made
 ‘ choice of that shape. At length when the long-wish’d-
 ‘ for evening came, which was to open to us such vast
 ‘ scenes of pleasure, I repaired to the place appointed
 ‘ about ten at night, where I found nature turned topsy-
 ‘ turvy, women changed into men, and men into wo-
 ‘ men, children in leading-strings seven foot high,
 ‘ courtiers transformed into clowns, ladies of the night
 ‘ into fairs, people of the first quality into beasts or
 ‘ birds, gods or goddesses. I fancied I had all Ovid’s
 ‘ Metamorphoses before me. Among these were seve-
 ‘ ral monsters to which I did not know how to give a
 ‘ name ;

———— worse

Than fables yet have feign’d, or fear conceived,
 Gorgons, and hydras, and chimeras dire. MILTON.

‘ In the middle of the first room I met with one
 ‘ dress’d in a Shroud. This put me in mind of the old cus-
 ‘ tom of serving up a death’s head at a feast. I was
 ‘ a little angry at the dress, and ask’d the gentleman
 ‘ whether he thought a dead man was fit company for
 ‘ such an assembly ; but he told me, that he was one who
 ‘ loved his money, and that he considered this dress
 ‘ would serve him another time. This walking corpse
 ‘ was follow’d by a gigantick woman with a high
 ‘ crowned hat, that stood up like a steeple over the
 ‘ heads of the whole assembly. I then chanced to tread
 ‘ upon the foot of a female Quaker, to all outward ap-
 ‘ pearance ; but was surpris’d to hear her cry out d—n
 ‘ you, you son of a ——— upon which I immediately re-
 ‘ buked her, when all of a sudden resuming her charac-
 ‘ ter,

ily, says she, I was to blame; but thou ha
e forely." ' A few moments after this adver
like to have been knocked down by a shep
having run my elbow a little inadvertentl
f her sides. She swore like a trooper, an
me with a very masculine voice; but I wa
en off by a Presbyterian Parson, who told n
soft tone, that he believed I was a pretty fe
hat he would meet me in Spring-Garden to
ght. The next object I saw was a Chimney
ade up of black crape and velvet, with a hug
a his mouth, making love to a butterfly. O
found myself among a flock of rats, Owl
ers. But what took up my attention mo
rest in white feathers that represented a Swa
fain have found out a Leda among the fa
deed was the most unlucky bird in the con
s then engaged in a discourse with a Running
but as I treated him like what he appear
'urkish emperor whispered me in the ear, d
" to use him civilly, for that it was his ma
was here interrupted by the famous large
worn hung with little looking-glasses. Sh
it many that followed her as she passed b
would not have her value herself upon th
nce it was plain they did not follow so muc
pon her as to see themselves. The next
was a Nun making an assignation with
God; for I heard them mention the Litt
Covent-Garden. I was by this time exce
d thirsty; so that I made the best of my wa
ce where wine was dealt about in great qua
iad no sooner presented myself before the t
Magician seeing me, made a circle over m
his wand, and seemed to do me homage.
loss to account for his behaviour, till I rec
o I was: this however drew the eyes of t
pon me, and immediately procured me a gla
it Champaign. The Magician said I was a s
adult and dry constitution; and desired tha
ve another refreshing glass; adding with
ght to be a brimmer. I took it in my ha

‘ and drank it off to the Magician. This so enlivened
‘ me, that I led him by the hand into the next room,
‘ where we danced a rigadon together. I was here a
‘ little offended at a jackanapes of a Scaramouch, that
‘ cried out, “Avant Satan;” and gave me a little tap
‘ on my left shoulder, with the end of his lath-sword.
‘ As I was considering how I ought to resent this affront,
‘ a well-shaped person that stood at my left-hand, in the
‘ figure of a Bellman, cried out with a suitable voice,
‘ “Past twelve o’clock.” ‘ This put me in mind of Bed-
‘ time: Accordingly I made my way towards the door,
‘ but was intercepted by an Indian king, a tall, slender
‘ youth, dressed up in a most beautiful party-coloured
‘ plumage. He regarded my habit very attentively,
‘ and after having turned me about once or twice, ask-
‘ ed me “whom I had been tempting:” ‘ I could not
‘ tell what was the matter with me, but my heart leap-
‘ ed as soon as he touched me, and was still in greater
‘ disorder, upon my hearing his voice. In short, I
‘ found after a little discourse with him, that his Indian
‘ majesty was my dear Leonora, who knowing the dil-
‘ guise I had put on, would not let me pass by her un-
‘ observed. Her aukward manliness made me guess at
‘ her sex, and her own confession quickly let me know the
‘ rest. This Maskerade did more for me than a twelve
‘ months courtship: For it inspired her with such ten-
‘ der sentiments, that I married her the next morning.

‘ How happy I shall be in a wife taken out of a
‘ Maskerade, I cannot yet tell; but I have reason to
‘ hope the best, Leonora having assured me it was the
‘ first, and shall be the last time of her appearing at such
‘ an entertainment.

‘ And now, Sir, having given you the history of
‘ this strange evening, which looks rather like a dream
‘ than a reality, it is my request to you, that you will
‘ oblige the world with a dissertation on Maskerades in
‘ general, that we may know how far they are useful to
‘ the public, and consequently how far they ought to
‘ be encouraged. I have heard of two or three very odd
‘ accidents that have happened upon this occasion, as in
‘ particular of a Lawyer’s being now big-bellied, who
‘ was present at the first of these entertainments; not to
‘ mention



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prejudicial to its manufactures. I was mightily pleased the other day to find them all busy in preserving several fruits of the season, with the Sparkler in the midst of them, reading over "The plurality of worlds." It was very entertaining to me to see them dividing their speculations between jellies and Itars, and making a sudden transition from the sun to an apricot, or from the Copernican system to the figure of a cheese-cake.

A second reason why women should apply themselves to useful knowledge rather than men, is because they have that natural gift of Speech in greater perfection. Since they have so excellent a talent, such a *Copia Verborum*, or plenty of words, 'tis pity they should not put it to some use. If the female tongue will be in motion, why should it not be set to go right? Could they discourse about the spots in the sun, it might divert them from publishing the faults of their neighbours: Could they talk of the different aspects and conjunctions of the planets, they need not be at the pains to comment upon oglings and clandestine marriages. In short, were they furnished with matters of fact, out of arts and sciences, it would now and then be of great ease to their invention.

There is another reason why those especially who are women of quality, should apply themselves to letters, namely, because their husbands are generally strangers to them.

It is great pity there should be no knowledge in a family. For my own part, I am concerned when I go into a great house, where perhaps there is not a single person that can spell, unless it be by chance the butler, or one of the footmen. What a figure is the young heir likely to make, who is a dunce both by father and mother's side?

If we look into the histories of famous women, we find many eminent philosophers of this sex. Nay, we find that several females have distinguished themselves in those sects of philosophy which seem almost repugnant to their natures. There have been famous female Pythagoreans, notwithstanding most of that philosophy consisted in keeping a secret, and that the disciple was to hold her tongue five years together. I need

not

Portia, who was a stoick in petticoats :
 ia, the famous she cynick, who arrived
 iction in her studies, that she conversed
 and, or man-planter, in broad day light,
 en streets.

nd knowledge are perfections in us, not
 1, but as we are reasonable creatures, in
 f beings the female world is upon the same
 male. We ought to consider in this par-
 what is the sex, but what is the species to
 along. At least I believe every one will
 at a female philosopher is not so absurd a
 so opposite to the sex, as a female game-
 t it is more irrational for a woman to pass
 lozen hours at cards or dice, than in get-
 s of useful learning. This therefore is
 n why I would recommend the studies of
 o the female world, that they may not be
 to employ those hours that lie upon their

so add this motive to my fair readers, that
 ir sex, who have improved their minds by
 erature, have raised themselves to the high-
 onour and fortune. A neighbouring nation
 time furnish us with a very remarkable in-
 kind; but I shall conclude this head with
 Athenais, which is a very signal example
 purpose.

ror Theodosius being about the age of one
 and desiring to take a wife, desired his
 ia and his friend Paulinus to search his
 e for a woman of the most exquisite beau-
 ft accomplishments. In the midst of this
 nais, a Grecian virgin, accidentally offer-
 Her father, who was an eminent philoso-
 ns, and had bred her up in all the learning
 at his death left her but a very small por-
 h also she suffered great hardships from the
 r two brothers. This forced her upon a
 onstantinople, where she had a relation
 ted her case to Pulcheria in order to obtain
 from the emperor. By this means that
 religious

religious princess became acquainted with Athenais, whom she found the most beautiful woman of her age, and educated under a long course of philosophy in the strictest virtue, and most unspotted innocence. Pulcheria was charmed with her conversation, and immediately made her reports to the emperor her brother Theodosius. The character she gave made such an impression on him, that he desired his sister to bring her away immediately to the lodgings of his friend Paulinus, where he found her beauty and her conversation beyond the highest idea he had formed of them. His friend Paulinus converted her to christian ty, and gave her the name of Eudofia; after which the emperor publicly espoused her, and enjoyed all the happiness in his marriage which he promised himself from such a virtuous and learned bride. She not only forgave the injuries which her two brothers had done her, but raised them to great honours; and by several works of learning, as well as by an exemplary life, made herself so dear to the whole empire, that she had many statues erected to her memory, and is celebrated by the fathers of the church as the ornament of her sex.





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‘ delightful spot of ground for Ants ; and therefore
 ‘ they had made three nests there, without doubt for
 ‘ the same reason that men build cities in fruitful and
 ‘ convenient places, near springs and rivers.

‘ Having a mind to cultivate some flowers, I took a
 ‘ view of that place, and removed a tulip out of the
 ‘ garden into that box ; but casting my eyes upon the
 ‘ Ants, continually taken up with a thousand cares,
 ‘ very inconsiderable with respect to us, but of the
 ‘ greatest importance for them, they appeared to me
 ‘ more worthy of my curiosity than all the flowers in
 ‘ the world. I quickly removed the tulip, to be the
 ‘ admirer and restorer of that little commonwealth.
 ‘ This was the only thing they wanted ; for their poli-
 ‘ cy and the order observed among them, are more per-
 ‘ fect than those of the wisest republicks : and there-
 ‘ fore they have nothing to fear, unless a new legisla-
 ‘ tor should attempt to change the form of their go-
 ‘ vernment.

‘ I made it my business to procure them all sorts of
 ‘ conveniencies. I took out of the box every thing that
 ‘ might be troublesome to them ; and frequently visited
 ‘ my Ants, and studied all their actions. Being used to
 ‘ go to bed very late, I went to see them work in a
 ‘ moon-shiny-night ; and I did frequently get up in the
 ‘ night, to take a view of their labours. I always found
 ‘ some going up and down, and very busy : one would
 ‘ think that they never sleep. Every body knows that
 ‘ Ants come out of their holes in the day-time, and ex-
 ‘ pose to the sun the corn, which they keep under
 ‘ ground in the night. Those who have seen ant-hil-
 ‘ locks, have easily perceived those small heaps of corn
 ‘ about their nests. What surpris'd me at first was,
 ‘ that my Ants never brought out their corn, but in the
 ‘ night when the moon did shine, and kept it under
 ‘ ground in the day-time ; which was contrary to what I
 ‘ had seen, and saw still practis'd by those insects in other
 ‘ places. I quickly found out the reason of it : there
 ‘ was a pigeon-house not far from thence : pigeons and
 ‘ birds would have eaten their corn, if they had brought
 ‘ it out in the day-time. 'Tis highly probable they
 ‘ knew it by experience ; and I frequently found pige-
 ‘ ons

ons and birds in that place, when I went to it in a morning. I quickly delivered them from those robbers: I frightened the birds away with some pieces of paper tied to the end of a string over the window. As for the pigeons, I drove them away several times; and when they perceived that the place was more frequented than before, they never came to it again. What is most admirable, and what I could hardly believe, if I did not know it by experience, is, that those ants knew some days after that they had nothing to fear, and began to lay out their corn in the sun. However, I perceived they were not fully convinced of being out of all danger; for they durst not bring out their provisions all at once, but by degrees, first in a small quantity, and without any great order, that they might quickly carry them away in case of any misfortune, watching, and looking every way. At last, being persuaded that they had nothing to fear, they brought out all their corn, almost every day, and in good order, and carried it in at night

There is a straight hole in every Ant's nest, about half an inch deep; and then it goes down sloping into a place where they have their magazine, which I take to be a different place from that where they rest and eat. For it is highly improbable that an Ant, which is a very cleanly insect, and throws out of her nest all the small remains of the corn on which she feeds, as I have observed a thousand times, would fill up her magazine, and mix her corn with dirt and ordure.

The corn, that is laid up by Ants, would shoot under ground, if those insects did not take care to prevent it. They bite off all the buds before they lay it up; and therefore the corn that has lain in their nests will produce nothing. Any one may easily make this experiment, and even plainly see that there is no bud in their corn. But tho' the bud be bitten off, there remains another inconvenience, that corn must needs swell and rot under ground; and therefore it could be of no use for the nourishment of Ants. Those insects prevent that inconvenience by their labour and industry, and contrive the matter so, that corn will keep as dry in their nests as in our granaries.

They

T H E G U A R D I A N .

They gather many small particles of
which they bring every day out of their
to bring them round to heat them in the sun. I
take up a small particle of that earth in he
to take it by the hole, and then goes and fetches
it, in less than a quarter of an hour, or
a great number of such small particles of
to be brought up round the hole. They lay their
corn and upon that earth, and cover it with
They perform this work almost every day, out
of the sun; and though the sun went
low about three or four o'clock in the
they did not remove their corn and their
particles, because the ground was very hot, to
turn over

It may any one should think that those animals
and, or small particles of brick or stone
to take so much pains about dry earth;
upon such an occasion nothing can be
than earth heated in the sun. Corn does
not stand: Besides, a grain of corn that is
deprived of its bud, would be filled
with small particles that could not easily come
out. I add, that sand consists of such small
particles that an ant could not take them up one after
another, therefore those insects are seldom to be
seen in a very sandy ground.

As for the small particles of brick or stone
which they would join them together, and turn
into a kind of mastic, which those insects could
not bring out. Those particles sticking together
could not be brought out of an Ant's nest, and would spoil
the work.

When Ants have brought out those particles
of earth, they bring out their corn after the same
manner, and place it round the earth. Thus one
particle is furrounding their hole, one of dry
earth, and another of corn; and then they fetch out
more of dry earth, on which doubtless their
corn is laid up.

These insects never go about this work,
when the weather is clear, and the sun very hot. I



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derful, was, that none of them came home without bringing something : one brought a grain of wheat, another a grain of rye or oats, or a particle of dirt or earth, if she could get nothing else.

The window, upon which those Ants had made their settlement, looked into a garden, and was two stories high. Some went to the farther end of the garden, others to the fifth story, in quest of some corn. It was a very hard journey for them, especially when they came home loaded with a pretty large grain of corn, which must needs be a heavy burden for an Ant, and as much as she can bear. The bringing of that grain from the middle of the garden to the nest took up four hours ; whereby one may judge of the strength and prodigious labour of those little animals. It appears from thence, that an Ant works as hard as a man, who should carry a very heavy load on his shoulders almost every day for the space of four leagues. 'Tis true, those insects don't take so much pains upon a flat ground : but then how great is the hardship of a poor Ant, when she carries a grain of corn to the second story, climbing up a wall with her head downwards, and her backside upwards ? No man can have a true notion of it, unless they see those little animals at work in such a situation. The frequent stops they made in the most convenient places, are plain indication of their weariness. Some of them were strangely perplexed, and could not get to the journey's end. In such a case, the strongest Ants, those that are not so weary, having carried their corn to their nests, came down again to help them. Some are so unfortunate as to fall down with their load, when they are almost come home : When this happens they seldom lose their corn, but carry it up again.

I saw one of the smallest carrying a large grain of wheat with incredible pains : When she came to the box where the nest was, she made so much haste that she fell down with her load, after a very laborious march : Such an unlucky accident would have vexed a philosopher. I went down, and found her with the same corn in her paws : She was ready to climb up again. The same misfortune happened to her three

time

times. Sometimes she fell in the middle of her way, and sometimes higher; but she never let go her hold, and was not discouraged. At last her strength failed her: She stopt; and another Ant helped her to carry her load, which was one of the largest and finest grains of wheat that an Ant can carry. It happens sometimes, that a corn slips out of their paws, when they are climbing up: They take hold of it again, when they can find it; otherwise they look for another, or take something else, being ashamed to return to their nest without bringing something. This I have experimented, by taking away the grain which they looked for. All those experiments may easily be made by any one that has patience enough: They do not require so great a patience as that of Ants; but few people are capable of it. 



№ 157. THURSDAY, September 10.

Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise. PROV. vi. 6.

[T has been observed by writers of morality, that in order to quicken human industry, providence has contrived it, that our daily food is not to be procured without much pains and labour. The chase of birds and beasts, the several arts of fishing, with all the different kinds of agriculture, are necessary scenes of business, and give employment to the greatest part of mankind. If we look into the brute creation, we find all its individuals engaged in a painful and laborious way of life, to procure a necessary subsistence for themselves, or those that grow up under them: The preservation of their being is the whole business of it. An idle man is therefore a kind of monster in the creation. All nature is busy about him; every animal he sees reproaches him. Let such a man, who lies as a burden or dead weight upon the species, and contributes nothing

either to the riches of the commonwealth, or the maintenance of himself and family, consistent with which providence has endowed by which is exhibited an example of industrious creatures. This is set forth under many instances in the paper of yesterday, and in the following narrative, which is as follows:

Thus my Ants were forced to make their livelihood, when I had shut up the passage which they used to fetch their provisions, being sensible that it would be a long time before they could discover the small heap of corn I had laid up for them, I resolved to shew it to them.

In order to know how far their reach, I contrived an expedient, which will appear incredible, never considered, that all animals of which form a society, are more knowing than I took one of the largest Ants, and thence she was to fetch that small heap of wheat. She was so glad to be at liberty, that she ran away to her nest carrying off a grain; but she observed that after all my Ants had notice given that there was provision; and I saw most of them very busy carrying away the corn I had laid up in the nest. It is left to you to judge, whether it may not be proved that they have a particular way of communicating knowledge to one another; for others have observed that they know, one or two hours after, that there is corn in that place? It was quickly exhausted, but in a small quantity, to know the true extent of their appetite or provision; for I make no doubt but they lay up provisions for the winter: We read it in holy scriptures, and experiments teach us the same; and that any experiment has been made to the contrary.

I have said before, that there were three cities in that box or parterre, which formed so, three different cities, governed by different laws, and observing the same order, and the same manner. However there was this difference, that



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‘ the capital nest, there was no need of exercising much charity towards it.

‘ M. de la Loubere says in his relation of Siam, that in a certain part of that kingdom, which lies open to great inundations, all the Ants make their settlements upon trees : No Ants-nests are to be seen any where else. I need not insert here what that author says about those insects : You may see his relation.

‘ Here follows a curious experiment, which I made upon the same ground, where I had three Ants-nests. I undertook to make a fourth, and went about it in the following manner. In a corner of a kind of a terrace, at a considerable distance from the box, I found a hole swarming with Ants much larger than all those I had already seen ; but they were not so well provided with corn, nor under so good a government. I made a hole in the box like that of an Ant’s-nest, and laid it as it were, the foundations of a new city. Afterwards I got as many Ants as I could out of the nest in the terraces, and put them into a bottle, to give them a new habitation in my box ; and because I was afraid they would return to the terraces, I destroyed their old nest, pouring boiling water into the hole, to kill those Ants that remained in it. In the next place, I filled the new hole with the Ants that were in the bottle ; but none of them would stay in it. They were gone away in less than two hours ; which made me believe that it was impossible to make a fourth settlement in my box.

‘ Two or three days after, going accidentally over the terraces, I was much surpris’d to see the Ants-nest which I had destroy’d very artfully repaired. I resolv’d then to destroy it entirely, and to settle the Ants in my box. To succeed in my design, I put some gun-powder and brimstone into their hole, and sprung a mine, whereby the whole nest was overthrown ; and then I carried as many Ants as I could get, into the place which I designed for them. It happened to be a very rainy day, and it rained all night ; and therefore they remained in the new hole all that time. In the morning when the rain was over, most of them were gone away to repair their old habitation ; but finding it impracticable

practicable by reason of the smell of the powder and brimstone, which kills them, they came back again, and settled in the place I had appointed for them. They quickly grew acquainted with their neighbours, and received from them all manner of assistance out of their holes. As for the inside of their nest, none but themselves were concerned in it, according to the inviolable laws established among those animals.

• An Ant never goes into any other nest but her own; and if she should venture to do it, she would be turned out, and severely punished. I have often taken an Ant out of one nest, to put her into another; but she quickly came out, being warmly pursued by two or three other Ants. I tried the same experiment several times with the same Ant; but at last the other Ants grew impatient, and tore her to pieces. I have often frightened some Ants with my fingers, and pursued them as far as another hole, stopping all the passages to prevent their going to their own nest. It was very natural for them to fly into the next hole: Many a man would not be so cautious, and would throw himself out of the windows, or into a well, if he were pursued by assassins. But the Ants I am speaking of, avoided going into any other hole but their own, and rather tried all other ways of making their escape. They never fled into another nest, but at the last extremity; and sometimes chose rather to be taken, as I have often experienced. It is therefore an inviolable custom among those insects, not to go into any other hole but their own. They don't exercise hospitality; but they are very ready to help one another out of their holes. They put down their loads at the entrance of a neighbouring nest; and those that live in it, carry them in.

• They keep up a sort of trade among themselves; and it is not true that those insects are not for lending: I know the contrary: They lend their corn; they make exchanges; they are always ready to serve one another; and I can assure you, that more time and patience would have enabled me to observe a thousand things more curious and wonderful than what I have mentioned. For instance how they lend and recover their loans; whether it be in the same

‘ quantity, or with usury ; whether they pay th
 ‘ strangers that work for them, &c. I don't think it im
 ‘ possible to examine all those things ; and it would b
 ‘ a great curiosity to know by what maxims they go
 ‘ vern themselves : Perhaps such a knowledge might b
 ‘ of some use to us.

‘ They are never attacked by any enemies in a body
 ‘ as it is reported of bees : Their only fear proceeds from
 ‘ birds, which sometimes eat their corn when they la
 ‘ it out in the sun ; but they keep it under ground
 ‘ when they are afraid of thieves. It is said that som
 ‘ birds eat them ; but I never saw any instance of ~~it~~
 ‘ They are also infested by snail worms ; but they turn
 ‘ them out, and kill them. I observed, that they pu
 ‘ nished those Ants, which probably had been wanting
 ‘ to their duty : Nay, sometimes they killed them ;
 ‘ which they did in the following manner. Three or
 ‘ four Ants fell upon one, and pulled her several ways,
 ‘ untill she was torn in pieces. Generally speaking they
 ‘ live very quietly ; from whence I infer that they have
 ‘ a very severe discipline among themselves, to keep so
 ‘ good an order ; or that they are great lovers of peace,
 ‘ if they have no occasion for any discipline.

‘ Was there ever a greater union in any common
 ‘ wealth ? Every thing is common among them ; which
 ‘ is not to be seen any where else. Bees, of which we
 ‘ are told so many wonderful things, have each of them
 ‘ a hole in their hives ; their honey is their own ; eve
 ‘ ry bee minds her own concerns. The same may be
 ‘ said of all other animals . They frequently fight, to
 ‘ deprive one another of their portion. It is not so with
 ‘ Ants : They have nothing of their own : A grain of
 ‘ corn which an Ant carries home, is deposited in a
 ‘ common stock : It is not designed for her own use,
 ‘ but for the whole community : There is no distinction
 ‘ between a private and a common interest. An Ant
 ‘ never works for herself, but for the society.

‘ Whatever misfortune happens to them, their
 ‘ care and industry find out a remedy for it ; nothing
 ‘ discourages them. If you destroy their nests, they will
 ‘ be repaired in two days. Any body may easily see
 ‘ how



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and I believe of all other kinds, in their natural state of being, divide their time between action and rest. They are always at work or asleep. In short their waking hours are wholly taken up in seeking after their food, or in consuming it. The human species only, to the great reproach of our natures, are filled with complaints, that "the day hangs heavy on them," that "they do not know what to do with themselves," that "they are at a loss how to pass away their time," with many of the like shameful murmurs, which we often find in the mouths of those who are stiled reasonable beings. How monstrous are such expressions among creatures, who have the labours of the mind, as well as those of the body, to furnish them with proper employments; who, besides the business of their proper callings and professions, can apply themselves to the duties of religion, to meditation, to the reading of useful books, to discourse; in a word, who may exercise themselves in the unbounded pursuits of knowledge and virtue, and every hour of their lives make themselves wiser or better than they were before.

After having been taken up for some time in this course of thought, I diverted myself with a book according to my usual custom, in order to unbend my mind before I went to sleep. The book I made use of on this occasion was Lucian, where I amused my thoughts for about an hour among the dialogues of the dead, which in all probability produced the following dream.

I was convey'd, methought, into the entrance of the infernal regions, where I saw Rhadamanthus, one of the judges of the dead, seated in his tribunal. On his left-hand stood the keeper of Erebus, on his right the keeper of Elysium. I was told he sat upon women that day, there being several of the sex lately arrived, who had not yet their mansions assigned them. I was surpris'd to hear him ask every one of them the same question, namely, "What they had been doing?" Upon this question being propos'd to the whole assembly, they stared one upon another, as not knowing what to answer. He then interrogated each of them separately. Madam, says he to the first of them, you have been upon the earth about fifty years: What have you been doing there all this while?

Doing, says she, really I don't know what I
 en. doing : I desire I may have time given me
 ect. After about half an hour's pause she told
 at she had been playing at crimp ; upon which
 anthus beckoned to the keeper on his left-hand,
 her into custody. And you, Madam, says the
 hat look with such a soft and languishing air ;
 you set out for this place in your nine and
 h year, what have you been doing all this while ?
 great deal of business on my hands, says she, be-
 n up the first twelve years of my life, in dressing
 l baby, and all the remaining part of it in reading
 id romances. Very well, says he, you have
 ed your time to good purpose. Away with her.
 kt was a plain country-woman ; Well mistress,
 adamanthus, and what have you been doing ?
 ease your worship, says she, I did not live quite
 ars ; and in that time brought my husband seven
 rs, made him nine thousand cheeses, and left my
 irl with him, to look after his house in my
 and who I may venture to say is as pretty a
 fe as any in the country. Rhadamanthus smiled
 mplicity of the good woman, and ordered the
 of Elysium to take her into his care. And you,
 , says he, what have you been doing these five
 ty years ? I have been doing no hurt, I assure
 r, said she. That is well, said he, but what
 ve you been doing ? The lady was in great
 n at this question, and not knowing what to
 the two keepers leaped out to seize her at the
 ne ; the one took her by the hand to convey her
 um, the other caught hold of her to carry her
 Erebus. But Rhadamanthus observing an inge-
 nodesty in her countenance and behaviour, bid
 oth let her loose, and set her aside for a re-exa-
 n when he was more at leisure. An old woman,
 oud and sour look, presented herself next at the
 i being asked what she had been doing ? Truly,
 e, I lived threescore and ten years in a very
 world, and was so angry at the behaviour of a
 of young flirts, that I past most of my last years
 enning the follies of the times ; I was every day,

blaming the filly conduct of people about me, in order to deter those I conversed with from falling into the like errors and miscarriages. Very well, says Rhadamanth but did you keep the same watchful eye over your own actions? Why truly, says she, I was so taken up with publishing the faults of others, that I had no time to consider my own. Madam, says Rhadamanthus, pleased to file off to the left, and make room for a venerable matron that stands behind you. Old gentleman, says he, I think you are fourscore. You have heard the question, what have you been doing so long in the world? Ah, Sir! says she, I have been doing what I should not have done, but I had made a firm resolution to have changed my life, if I had not been snatched off by an untimely end. Madam, says he, you will please to follow your leader; and spying another of the same age, interrogated her in the same form. To which the matron replied, I have been the wife of a husband who was as dear to me in his old age as in his youth. I have been a mother, and very happy in my children, whom I endeavoured to bring up in everything that is good. My eldest son is blest by the people and beloved by every one that knows him. I live within my own family, and left it much more wealthy than I found it. Rhadamanthus, who knew the value of the old lady, smiled upon her in such a manner, that the keeper of Elysium, who knew his office, reached out his hand to her. He no sooner touched her but her wrinkles vanished, her eyes sparkled, her cheeks glowed with blushes, and she appeared in full bloom and beauty. A young woman observing that this officious who conducted the happy to Elysium, was so great a beautifier, longed to be in his hands; so that pressing through the croud, she was the next that appeared at the bar. And being asked what she had been doing the five and twenty years that she had past in the world I have endeavoured, says she, ever since I came to years of discretion, to make myself lovely, and gain admirers. In order to it, I past my time in bottling up Madew, inventing white-washes, mixing colours, cutting out patches, consulting my glass, suiting my complexion, tearing off my tucker, sinking my stays—Rhadamanthu



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N^o 159. SATURDAY, September 12.

Præfens vel imo tollere de gradu
Mortale corpus, vel superbos

Vertere funeribus triumphos. HOR. Od. 35. l. 1. v.

Whose force is strong, and quick to raise
The lowest to the highest place ;
Or with a wondrous fall
To bring the haughty lower,
And turn proud triumphs to a funeral.

CREECH

S I R,

HAVING read over your paper of Tuesday last, in which you recommend the pursuits of wisdom and knowledge to those of the fair sex, who have much time lying upon their hands, and among other motives make use of this, that several women thus accomplish'd, have rais'd themselves by it to considerable posts of honour and fortune : I shall beg leave to give you an instance of this kind, which many now living can testify the truth of, and which I can assure you is matter of fact.

About twelve years ago I was familiarly acquainted with a gentleman, who was in a post that brought him a yearly revenue, sufficient to live very handsomely upon. He had a wife, and no child but a daughter, whom he bred up, as I thought, too high for one that could expect no other fortune than such one as her father could raise out of the income of that place ; which as they managed it was scarce sufficient for their ordinary expences. Miss Betty had always the best sort of clothes, and was hardly allowed to keep company but with those above her rank ; so that it was no wonder she grew proud and haughty towards those she looked upon as her inferiors. There lived by them a barber who had a daughter about middle age, that could speak French, had read several books

rs, and was a perfect mistress of her kinds of female manufacture. She was at first a pretty modest, witty girl. She used to visit Miss Betty an hour or two every day, to assist her and teach her to work; but she was afterwards treated by her with great contempt; and when she offered her any advice, she rejected it with scorn. Some time several young fellows made love to Miss Betty, who had indeed a great beauty, had they not been infected with vanity and self-conceit. Among the rest a young man, who loved her almost to distraction, his passion was the common talk of the town, who used to be often discoursing of her, for that was the name he always used in his ordinary conversation. As his circumstances were indifferent, he being a younger brother, she rejected him with disdain. In some time he was taken aboard the fleet, with a reasonable fortune, and forgot his mistress. This was the case for him, for in a very few years, being taken in several captures, he brought home with him a sum of about twelve thousand pounds. Some days and years went on, Miss Betty lived but little, most of her time being employed in singing plays and practising to dance, in which she was at great perfection. When of a sudden the death of ministry, her father lost his place, and he was obliged to leave London, where he could no longer support himself. Not many days after he was dead, and his wife and daughter in a very desolate manner could not learn where to find them, though they made every inquiry I could; and I must own, I imagined that their pride would not suffer them to be discovered by any of their former acquaintances. I have since inquiring after them for some years, and at last, not long ago, as I was asking at a gentleman I had some business with, to be shown the way to a house by a handsome young woman, who I

' presently fancied was that very daughter I had
 ' sought in vain. My suspicion increased, when
 ' ved her to blush at the sight of me, and to avoid
 ' much as possible, looking upon, or speaking to
 ' Madam, said I, are not you, Mrs. such-a-one: At
 ' words the tears ran down her cheeks, and she
 ' fain have retired without giving me an answer
 ' stopped her, and being to wait a while for the
 ' man I was to speak to, I resolved not to lose the
 ' opportunity of satisfying my curiosity. I could not
 ' discern by her dress, which was genteel, tho' not
 ' whether she was the mistress of the house, or
 ' servant: But supposing her to be the first, I said
 ' Madam, said I, after having long enquired after
 ' to have so happily met with you, and to find you
 ' mistress of so fine a place. These words were like to
 ' spoiled all, and threw her into such a disorder,
 ' was some time before she could recover herself;
 ' soon as she was able to speak, Sir, said she, you are
 ' taken; I am but a servant. Her voice fell in these
 ' words, and she burst again into tears. I was to
 ' have occasioned in her so much grief and sorrow,
 ' and said what I could to comfort her. Alas, said
 ' she, my condition, is much better than I deserve.
 ' the kindest and best of women for my mistress.
 ' wife to the gentleman you come to speak withal
 ' know her very well, and have often seen her with
 ' To make my story short, I found that my late
 ' daughter was now a servant to the barber's daughter
 ' whom she had formerly treated so disdainfully.
 ' gentleman at whose house I now was, fell in love
 ' with Moll, and being master of a great fortune
 ' married her, and lives with her as happily, and as
 ' his satisfaction as he could desire. - He treats her
 ' all the friendship and respect possible, but not
 ' more than her behaviour and good qualities deserve.
 ' And it was with a great deal of pleasure I heard her
 ' dwell so long upon her commendation. She informed
 ' me, that after her father's death, her mother
 ' lived for a while together in great poverty.
 ' mother's spirit could not bear the thoughts of
 ' relief of any of her own, or her husband's affairs.



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N^o 160. MONDAY, September 14.

Solventur risu tabulæ, tu missus abibis.

HOR. Sat. 1. l. 2. v. u

IMITATED.

My lords the judges laugh, and you're dismiss'd.

POP

FROM writing the history of lions, I lately went off to that of Ants; but to my great surprize, find that some of my good readers have taken this last to be a work of invention, which was only a plain narrative of matter of fact. They will several of them have it that my last Thursday and Friday's papers are full of concealed satire, and that I have attacked people in the shape of Pismires, whom I durst not meddle with in the shape of men. I must confess that I write with fear and trembling, ever since that ingenious person the Examiner in his little pamphlet, which was to make way for one of his following papers, found out treason in the word *Expect*.

But I shall, for the future, leave my friend to manage the controversy in a separate work, being unwilling to fill with disputes a paper which was undertaken purely out of good-will to my countrymen. I must therefore declare that those jealousies and suspicions which have been raised in some weak minds, by means of the two above-mentioned discourses concerning Ants or Pismires, are altogether groundless. There is not a single Emmet in all that whole narrative who is either whiggish or Tory; and I could heartily wish, that the individuals of all parties among us, had the good of their country at heart, and endeavoured to advance it by the same spirit of frugality, justice, and mutual benevolence, as a visibly exercised by members of those little commonwealths.

Aft

After this short preface, I shall lay before my reader letter or two which occasioned it.

Mr. IRONSIDE,

I Have laid a wager with a friend of mine about the pigeons that used to peck up the corn which belonged to the Ants. I say that by these pigeons you meant the Palatines. He will needs have it that they were the Dutch. We both agree that the papers upon the strings, which frightened them away, were Pamphlets, Examiners, and the like. We beg you will satisfy us in this particular, because the wager is very considerable, and you will much oblige two of your
Daily readers.

Old IRON,

WHY so rusty? Will you never leave your innuendoes? Do you think it hard to find out who is the tulip in your last Thursday's paper? or can you imagine that three nests of Ants is such a disguise, that the plainest reader cannot see three kingdoms through it: The blowing up of a neighbouring settlement, where there was a race of poor beggarly Ants, under a worse form of government, is not so difficult to be explained, as you imagine. Dunkirk is not yet demolished. Your Ants are enemies to rain, are they! Old BERMINGHAM, no more of your Ants, if you don't intend to stir up a nest of hornets.

WILL. WASPE.

Dear GUARDIAN.

CALLING in yesterday at a coffee-house in the city, I saw a very short, corpulent, angry man reading your paper about the Ants. I observed that he reddened and swelled over every sentence of it. After having perused it throughout, he laid it down upon the table, called the woman of the coffee-house to him, and asked her in a magisterial voice, if she knew what she did in taking in such papers! The woman was in such a confusion, that I thought it a piece of charity to interpose in her behalf, and asked him whether he had found any thing in it of dangerous import. Sir, said he, it is a Republican paper from one
end

‘ end to the other, and if the author had his
 ‘ He here grew so exceeding choleric and fie
 ‘ he could not proceed; till after having recove
 ‘ self, he laid his finger upon the following sente
 ‘ read it with a very stern voice—“ Though
 ‘ very knowing, I don’t take them to be conjure
 ‘ therefore they could not guess that I had p
 ‘ corn in that room. I perceived for several c
 ‘ they were very much perplexed, and went
 ‘ way to fetch their provisions. I was not wi
 ‘ some time to make them more easy; for I ha
 ‘ to know whether they would at last find out
 ‘ sure, and see it at a great distance, and wheth
 ‘ ing enabled them to know what is good
 ‘ nourishment.” Then throwing the paper i
 ‘ table; Sir, says he, these things are not to
 ‘ fered—I would engage out of this sentence
 ‘ up an indictment that—He here lost his vo
 ‘ cond time, in the extremity of his rage; and th
 ‘ company, who were all of them tories, burst
 ‘ into a sudden laugh, he threw down his penny
 ‘ wrath, and retired with a most formidable fro
 ‘ This, Sir, I thought fit to acquaint yo
 ‘ that you may make what use of it you please
 ‘ ly wish that you would sometimes diversify you
 ‘ with many other pieces of natural history,
 ‘ of insects or animals; this being a subject w
 ‘ most common reader is capable of understandi
 ‘ which is very diverting in its nature; besides,
 ‘ highly redounds to the praise of that Being
 ‘ inspired the several parts of the sensitive wor
 ‘ such wonderful and different kinds of instinct
 ‘ able them to provide for themselves, and
 ‘ their species in that state of existence where
 ‘ are placed. There is no party concerned in
 ‘ tions of this nature, which instead of inflamin
 ‘ unnatural heats that prevail among us, and t
 ‘ most of our thoughts, may divert our minds to
 ‘ that are useful, and suited to reasonable ci
 ‘ Dissertations of this kind are the more proper
 ‘ purpose, as they do not require any depth of



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N^o 161. TUESDAY, September 15.

— — Incoctum generoso pectus honesto.

PERS. Sat. 2. v.

A genuine virtue of a vigorous kind,
Pure in the last recesses of the mind.

DRYDEN

EVERY principle that is a motive to good action ought to be encouraged, since men are of so different a make, that the same principle does not work equally upon all minds. What some men are prompted to by conscience, duty, or religion, which are only different names for the same thing, others are prompted to by honour.

The sense of honour is of so fine and delicate a nature, that it is only to be met with in minds which are naturally noble, or in such as have been cultivated by great examples, or a refined education. This part therefore is chiefly designed for those who by means of any of these advantages are, or ought to be actuated by this glorious principle.

But as nothing is more pernicious than a principle of action, when it is misunderstood, I shall consider honour with respect to three sorts of men. First of all, with regard to those who have a right notion of it. Secondly, with regard to those who have a mistaken notion of it. And thirdly, with regard to those who treat it as chimerical, and turn it into ridicule.

In the first place, true honour, though it be a different principle from religion, is, that which produces the same effects. The lines of action, though drawn from different parts, terminate in the same point. Religion embraces virtue, as it is enjoined by the law of God; Honour, as it is graceful and ornamental to man nature. The religious man *fears*, the man of honour *scorns* to do an ill action. The former considers vice as something that is beneath him, the other as something that is offensive to the divine Being. The

what is *unbecoming*, the other as what is *forbidden*. Thus Seneca speaks in the natural and genuine language of a man of honour, when he declares that were there no God to see or punish vice, he would not commit it, because it is of so mean, so base, and so vile a nature.

I shall conclude this head with the description of honour in the part of young Juba.

Honour's a sacred tye, the law of kings,
 The noble mind's distinguishing perfection,
 That aids and strengthens virtue where it meets her,
 And imitates her actions where she is not.
 It ought not to be sported with. — CATO.

In the second place, we are to consider those who have mistaken notions of honour. And these are such as establish any thing to themselves for a point of honour which is contrary either to the laws of God, or of their country; who think it more honourable to revenge than to forgive an injury; who make no scruple of telling a lye, but would put any man to death that accuses them of it; who are more careful to guard their reputation by their courage than by their virtue. True fortitude is indeed so becoming in human nature, that he who wants it scarce deserves the name of a man; but we find several who so much abuse this notion, that they place the whole idea of honour in a kind of brutal courage; by which means we have had many among us who have called themselves men of honour, that would have been a disgrace to a gibbet. In a word, the man who sacrifices any duty of a reasonable creature to a prevailing mode or fashion, who looks upon any thing as honourable that is displeasing to his Maker, or destructive to society, who thinks himself obliged by this principle to the practice of some virtues and not of others, is by no means to be reckoned among true men of honour.

Timogenes was a lively instance of one actuated by false honour. Timogenes would smile at a man's jest who ridiculed his Maker, and at the same time, run a man through the body that spoke ill of his friend. Timogenes

Timogenes would have scorned to have betrayed a secret that was intrusted with him, tho' the fate of his country depended upon the discovery of it. Timogenes took away the life of a young fellow in a duel, for having spoken ill of Belinda, a lady whom he himself had seduced in her youth, and betrayed into want and ignominy. To close his character, Timogenes, after having ruined several poor tradesmen's families, who had trusted him, sold his estate to satisfy his creditors; but like a man of honour, disposed of all the money he could make of it, in the paying off his play debts, or to speak in his own language, his debts of honour.

In the third place, we are to consider those persons, who treat this principle as chimerical, and turn it into ridicule. Men who are professedly of no honour, are of a more profligate and abandoned nature than even those who are actuated by false notions of it, as there is more hopes of a heretick than of an atheist. These sons of infamy consider honour with old Syphax, in the play before-mentioned, as a fine imaginary notion that leads astray young unexperienced men, and draws them into real mischiefs, while they are engaged in the pursuits of a shadow. These are generally persons who, in Shakespear's phrase, "are worn and hackneyed in the ways of men;" whose imaginations are grown callous, and have lost all those delicate sentiments which are natural to minds that are innocent and undepraved. Such old battered miscreants ridicule every thing as romantick that comes in competition with their present interest, and treat those persons as visionaries, who dare stand up in a corrupt age, for what has not its immediate reward joined to it. The talents, interest, or experience of such men, make them very often useful in all parties, and at all times. But whatever wealth and dignities they may arrive at, they ought to consider, that every one stands as a blot in the annals of his country who arrives at the temple of *honour* by any other way than through that of *virtue*.





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the number of moral virtues, is that which gives a lustre to every talent a man can be possess of. It was Plato's advice to an unpolished writer, that he should sacrifice to the Graces. In the same manner I would advise every man of learning, who would not appear in the world a mere scholar, or philosopher, to make himself master of the social virtue which I have here mentioned.

Complaisance renders a superior amiable, an equal agreeable, and an inferior acceptable. It smooths distinctions, sweetens conversation, and makes every one in the company pleased with himself. It produces good-nature and mutual benevolence, encourages the timorous, soothes the turbulent, humanises the fierce, and distinguishes a society of civilized persons from a confusion of savages. In a word, complaisance is a virtue that blends all orders of men together in a friendly intercourse of words and actions, and is suited to the equality in human nature which every one ought to observe in the economy of the world.

If we could look into the secret anguish and affliction of every man's heart, we should often find that more of it arises from little imaginary distresses, such as checks, frowns, contradictions, expressions of contempt, and (what Shakespear reckons among other evils under the sun)

—The poor man's contumely,
The insolence of office, and the spurns
That patient merit of the unworthy takes,

than from the more real pains and calamities of life. The only method to remove these imaginary distresses as much as possible out of human life, would be the universal practice of such an ingenuous complaisance, as I have been here describing, which, as it is a virtue, may be defined to be, "A constant endeavour to please those whom we converse with, so far as we may do it innocently." I shall here add, that I know nothing so effectual to raise a man's fortune as complaisance; which recommends more to the favour of the great, than wit, knowledge, or any other talent whatsoever. And this consideration very prettily illustrated by a little

d Arabian tale which I shall here abridge, for the sake of my reader, after having again warned him, that do not recommend to him such an impertinent or vicious complaisance as is not consistent with honour and integrity.

Schacabac, being reduced to great poverty, and having eat nothing for two days together, made a visit to a noble Barmecide in Persia, who was very hospitable, but withal a great humourist. The Barmecide was sitting at his table that seemed ready covered for an entertainment. Upon hearing Schacabac's complaint, he desired him to sit down and fall on. He then gave him an empty plate, and asked him how he liked his rice-soup. Schacabac, who was a man of wit, and resolved to comply with the Barmecide in all his humours, told him it was admirable, and at the same time, in imitation of the other, lifted up the empty spoon to his mouth with great pleasure. The Barmecide then asked him if he ever saw whiter bread? Schacabac, who saw neither bread nor meat, If I did not like it, you may be sure, says he, I should not eat so heartily of it. You oblige me mightily, replied the Barmecide, pray let me help you to this leg of a goose. Schacabac reached out his plate, and received nothing on it with great cheerfulness. As he was eating very heartily on this imaginary goose, and crying up the sauce to the skies, the Barmecide desired him to keep a corner of his stomach for a roasted lamb fed with pistacho-nuts, and after having called for it, as though it had really been served up, Here is a dish, says he, that you will see at no body's table but my own. Schacabac was wonderfully delighted with the taste of it, which is like nothing, says he, I ever eat before. Several other nice dishes were served up in idea, which both of them commended, and feasted on after the same manner. This was followed by an invisible desert, no part of which delighted Schacabac so much as a certain lozenge, which the Barmecide told him was a sweet-meat of his own invention. Schacabac at length, being courteously reproached by the Barmecide, that he had no stomach, and that he eat nothing, and at the same time be-

ing tired with moving his jaws up and down to no
 purpose, desired to be excused, for that really he wa
 so full he could not eat a bit more. Come then, say
 the Barmecide, the cloth shall be removed, and yo
 shall taste of my wines, which I may say, without va
 nity, are the best in Persia. He then filled both thei
 glasses out of an empty decanter. Schacabac woul
 have excused himself from drinking so much at once
 because he said he was a little quarrelsome in hi
 liquor; however being prest to it, he pretended t
 take it off, having before-hand praised the colour
 and afterwards the flavour. Being plied with two o
 three other imaginary bumpers of different wines
 equally delicious, and a little vexed with this fantastic
 treat, he pretended to grow flushed, and gave th
 Barmecide a good box on the ear, but immediatel
 recovering himself, Sir, says he, I beg ten thousan
 pardons, but I told you before, that it was my mi
 fortune to be quarrelsome in my drink. The Barme
 cide could not but smile at the humour of his guest
 and instead of being angry at him, I find, says he
 thou art a complaisant fellow, and deservest to be en
 tertained in my house. Since thou canst accommodat
 thyself to my humour, we will now eat together i
 good earnest. Upon which calling for his suppe
 the rice-soup, the goose, the pistacho-lamb, the sever
 other nice dishes, with the desert, the lozenges, and a
 the variety of Persian wines were served up successiv
 ly, one after another; and Schacabac was feasted
 reality, with those very things which he had befo
 been entertained with in imagination.





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‘ I have had the honour, many years of being chap-
‘ lain to a noble family, and of being accounted the
‘ highest servant in the house, either out of respect to
‘ my cloth, or because I lie in the uppermost garret.

‘ Whilst my old lord lived, his table was always
‘ adorned with useful learning and innocent mirth, as
‘ well as covered with plenty. I was not looked upon
‘ as a piece of furniture fit only to sanctify and garnish
‘ a feast, but treated as a gentleman, and generally de-
‘ fired to fill up the conversation an hour after I had
‘ done my duty. But now my young lord is come
‘ to the estate, I find I am looked upon as a *cen-
‘ surum*, an obstacle to mirth and talk, and suffered
‘ to retire constantly with “ Prosperity to the church
‘ in my mouth. I declare solemnly, Sir, that I have
‘ heard nothing, from all the fine gentlemen who visit
‘ us, more remarkable for half a year, than that our
‘ young lord was seven-times drunk at Genoa, and
‘ another had an affair with a famous courtesan
‘ Venice. I have lately taken the liberty to stay thro-
‘ or four rounds beyond the church, to see what topics
‘ picks of discourse they went upon, but to my great
‘ surprize, have hardly heard a word all the time
‘ sides the toasts. Then they all flare full in my face
‘ and shew all the actions of uneasiness till I am gone.
‘ Immediately upon my departure, to use the words
‘ an old comedy, “ I find by the noise they make, that
‘ they had a mind to be private.” I am at a loss to
‘ imagine what conversation they have among one
‘ another, which I may not be present at; since I have
‘ innocent mirth as much as any of them, and am
‘ snocked with no freedoms whatsoever, which is
‘ consistent with christianity. I have, with much ad-
‘ vantage maintained my post hitherto at the desert, and every
‘ day eat tart in the face of my patron; but how
‘ long I shall be invested with this privilege I do not
‘ know. For the servants, who do not see me re-
‘ ported as I was in my old Lord’s time, begin
‘ brush very familiarly by me, and thrust aside my
‘ chair, when they set the sweet-meats on the table.
‘ I have been born and educated a gentleman, and

desire you will make the publick sensible, that the christian priesthood was never thought in any age or country to debase the man who is a member of it. Among the great services which your useful papers daily do to religion, this perhaps will not be the least, and will lay a very great obligation on your unknown servant,

G. W.

Venerable NESTOR,

I WAS very much pleased with your paper of the 7th instant, in which you recommend the study of useful knowledge to women of quality or fortune. I have since that met with a very elegant poem, written by the famous Sir Thomas More. It is inscribed to a friend of his who was then seeking out a wife; he advises him on that occasion to overlook wealth and beauty, and if he desires a happy life, to join himself with a woman of virtue and knowledge. His words on this last head are as follow.

Proculque stulta sit
 Parvis labellulis
 Semper loquacitas,
 Proculque rusticum
 Semper silentium.
 Sit illa vel modò
 Instructa literis.
 Vel talis ut modò
 Sit apta literis.
 Felix, quibus bene
 Priscis ab omnibus
 Possit libellulis
 Vitam beantia
 Haurire dogmata.
 Armata cum quibus
 Nec illa prosperis
 Superba turgeat,
 Nec illa turbidis
 Miscella lugeat
 Prostrata casibus.
 Jucunda fit erit
 Semper, nec unquam erit

Gravis, molestave
 Vitæ comes tuæ,
 Quæ docta parvulos
 Docebit & tuos
 Cum lacte literas
 Olim nepotulos.
 Jam te juvaverit
 Viros relinquere,
 Doctæque conjugis
 Sinu quiescere,
 Dum grata te fovet.
 Manûque mobili
 Dum pleetra personat,
 Et voce (quâ nec est
 Prognæ sororculæ
 Tuæ suavior)
 Amoena cantillat
 Apollo quæ velit
 Audire carmina.
 Jam te juvaverit
 Sermone blandulo,
 Docto tamen dies

Noctesque ducere.
 Notare verbula
 Mellita maximis
 Non absque gratiis
 Ab ore melleo
 Semper fluentia,
 Quibus coerceat
 Si quando te levet
 Inane gaudium,
 Quibus levaverit
 Si quando deprimat
 Te mœror anxius.
 Certabit in quibus
 Summa eloquentia
 Jam cum omnium gravi
 Rerum scientia.
 Talem olim ego putem
 Et vatis Orphei
 Fuisse conjugem,
 Nec unquam ab inferis

Curâset improbo
 Labore fœminam
 Referre rusticam.
 Talemque credimus
 Nasonis inclytam,
 Quæ vel patrem quæ
 Æquare carmine,
 Fuisse filiam,
 Talemque suspicor
 (Quâ nulla charior
 Unquam fuit patri,
 Quo nemo doctior)
 Fuisse Tulliam:
 Talisque quæ tulit
 Gracchos duos fuit,
 Quæ quos tulit, bonos
 Instruxit artibus.
 Nec profuit minus
 Magistra quam parens

The sense of this elegant description is as follows.

• May you meet with a wife who is not al-
 • ways stupidly silent, not always prattling nonsense!
 • She be learned, if possible, or at least capable of be-
 • ing made so! A woman thus accomplished will be al-
 • ways drawing sentences and maxims of virtue out of
 • the best authors of antiquity. She will be herself in
 • all changes of fortune, neither blown up in prosper-
 • ity nor broken with adversity. You will find in her
 • an even, chearful, good-humoured friend, and an ag-
 • reeable companion for life. She will infuse knowle-
 • ge into your children with their milk, and from their
 • fancy train them up to wisdom. Whatever company
 • you are engaged in you will long to be at home,
 • and retire with delight from the society of men, into
 • the bosom of one who is so dear, so knowing and so ag-
 • reeable. If she touches her lute, or sings to it any
 • of her own compositions, her voice will sooth you
 • more than your solitudes, and sound more sweetly in your
 • ears than that of the nightingale. You will waste your
 • pleasure whole days and nights in her conversat-



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England before this present age. As for the difficulty of translating well, every one, I believe, must allow my lord Roscommon to be in the right, when he says,

'Tis true, composing is the nobler part,
But good translation is no easy art :
For tho' materials have long since been found,
Yet both your fancy, and your hands are bound ;
And by improving what was writ before,
Invention labours less, but judgment more.

Dryden judiciously remarks, that a translator is to make his author appear as charming as possibly he can, provided he maintains his character, and makes him not unlike himself. And a too close and servile imitation, which the same poet calls treading on the heels of an author is deservedly laughed at by Sir John Denham. I conceive it, says he, a vulgar error in translating poets, to affect being "fidus interpres : " Let that care be with them who deal in matters of fact, or matters of faith ; but whosoever aims at it in poetry, as he attempts what is not required, so shall he never perform what he attempts ; for it is not his business alone to translate language into language, but poesy into poesy ; and poesy is of so subtle a spirit, that in pouring out of one language into another, it will all evaporate, and if a new spirit is not added in the transfusion, there will remain nothing but a " caput mortuum," there being certain graces and happinesses peculiar to every language which give life and energy to the words ; and whosoever offers at verbal translations, shall have the misfortune of that young traveller, who lost his own language abroad, and brought home no other instead of it. For the grace of the Latin will be lost by being turned into English words, and the grace of the English by being turned into the Latin phrase.

After this collection of authorities out of some of our greatest English writers, I shall present my reader with a translation, in which the author has conformed himself to the opinion of these great men. The beauty of the translation is sufficient to recommend it to the publick, without acquainting them that the translator

Mr. Eufden of Cambridge, who obliged them in the middle of the month of August, the 6th, with the Court of Venus of the same Latin poet, which was highly approved by the best judges in performances of this nature.

speech of Pluto to Proserpine, from the second book of her Rape, by Claudian.

PLEASE, cease, fair nymph, to lavish precious
 And discompose your soul with airy fears.
 Look on Sicilia's glitt'ring courts with scorn;
 Whose sceptre shall that hand adorn.
 No aerial pomp shall sooth a gen'rous pride;
 No bridegroom never will disgrace the bride.
 You, above terrestrial thrones aspire,
 From heav'n I spring, and Saturn was my sire.
 My pow'r of Pluto stretches all around,
 Circumscrib'd by nature's utmost bound:
 Where matter mould'ring dies, where forms decay
 To the vast trackless void extends my sway.
 Look not with mournful eyes the fainting light,
 Nor tremble at this interval of night;
 Fairer scene shall open to your view,
 Earth more verdant, and a heav'n more blue.
 No other Phoebus gilds those happy skies,
 No other stars, with purer flames, arise.
 Their chaste adorers shall their praises join,
 And with the choicest gifts enrich your shrine.
 These blissful climes no change of ages knew,
 From the golden first began, and still is new.
 That golden age your world a while could boast,
 Where it flourish'd, and was never lost.
 No petual zephyrs breathe thro' fragrant bow'rs;
 No painted meads smile with unbidden flow'rs:
 No bow'rs of immortal bloom and various hue;
 No rival sweets in your own Enna grew.
 The recess of a cool sylvan glade
 No monarch-tree projects no vulgar shade.
 No lumber'd with their wealth, the branches bend,
 Nor are not the fruit, but pluck the blooming ore,
 The yellow harvest will increase the more.

But I too long on trifling themes explain,
 Nor speak th' unbounded glories of your reign.
 Whole nature owns your pow'r: Whate'er have birt
 And live, and move o'er all the face of earth;
 Or in old ocean's mighty caverns sleep,
 Or sportive roll along the foamy deep;
 Or on stiff pinnions airy journeys take,
 Or cut the floating stream or stagnant lake:
 In vain they labour to preserve their breath,
 And soon fall victims to your subject, death.
 Unnumber'd triumphs swift to you he brings,
 Hail! Goddesses of all sublunary things!
 Empires, that sink above, here rise again,
 And worlds unpeopled crowd th' Elyſian plain.
 The rich, the poor, the monarch, and the slave,
 Know no superior honours in the grave.
 Proud tyrants once, and laurel'd chiefs shall come,
 And kneel, and trembling wait from you their door
 The impious, forc'd, shall then their crimes disclose,
 And see past pleasures teem with future woes;
 Deplore in darkneſs your impartial ſway,
 While ſpotleſs ſouls enjoy the fields of day.
 When ripe for ſecond birth, the dead ſhall ſtand
 In ſhiv'ring throngs on the Lethæan ſtrand,
 That ſhade whom you approve, ſhall firſt be brought
 To quaff oblivion in the pleaſing draught.
 Whole thread of life, juſt ſpun, you would renew,
 But nod, and Clotho ſhall rewind the clue.
 Let no diſtruſt of pow'r your joys abate,
 Speak what you wiſh, and what you ſpeak is fate.
 The raviſher thus ſooth'd the weeping fair,
 And check'd the fury of his ſteeds with care:
 Poſſeſt of beauty's charms, he calmly rode,
 And love firſt ſoſten'd the relentleſs God.





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If folly is of ill consequence in the head of a family, vice is much more so, as it is of a more pernicious nature. When the master is a profligate, the rake runs through the house. You hear the sons talking loosely and swearing after the father, and see the daughters either familiarized to his discourse, or every moment blushing for him.

The very footman will be a fine gentleman in his master's way. He improves by his table-talk, and repeats in the kitchen what he learns in the parlour. Invest him with the same title and ornaments, and you would scarce know him from his lord. He practises the same oaths, the same ribaldry, the same way of joking.

It is therefore of very great concern to a family, that the ruler of it should be wise and virtuous. The first of these qualifications does not indeed lie within his power; but though a man cannot abstain from being weak, he may from being vicious. It is in his power to give a good example of modesty, of temperance, of frugality, of religion, and of all other virtues, which though the greatest ornaments of human nature, may be put in practice by men of the most ordinary capacities.

As wisdom and virtue are the proper qualifications in the master of a house, if he is not accomplished in both of them, it is much better that he should be deficient in the former than in the latter, since the consequences of vice are of an infinitely more dangerous nature than those of folly.

When I read the histories that are left us of Pythagoras, I cannot but take notice of the extraordinary influence which that great philosopher, who was an illustrious pattern of virtue and wisdom, had on his private family. This excellent man, after having perfected himself in the learning of his own country, travelled into all the known parts of the world, on purpose to converse with the most learned men of every place; by which means he gleaned up all the knowledge of the age, and is still admired by the greatest men of the present times, as a prodigy of science. His wife Theano wrote several books; and after his death

ath taught his philosophy in his publick school, which was frequented by numberless disciples of different countries. There are several excellent sayings recorded of her. I shall only mention one, because it does honour to her virtue, as well as to her wisdom. Being asked by some of her sex, in how long a time a woman might be allowed to pray to the gods, after having conferred with a man? "If it were her husband," says she, "the next day, if a stranger never." Pythagoras had by this wife two sons and three daughters. His two sons; Telauges and Mnesarchus; were both eminent philosophers, and were joined with their mother in the government of the Pythagorean school. Arigote was one of the daughters, whose writings were extant, and very much admired, in the age of Porphyrius. Damo was another of his daughters, in whose hands Pythagoras left his works, with a prohibition to communicate them to strangers, which she observed to the hazard of her life; and though she was offered a great sum for them, rather chose to live in poverty, than not obey the commands of her beloved father. Mila was the third of the daughters, whose works and history were very famous, even in Lucian's time. She was so signally virtuous, that for her unblemished behaviour in her virginity, she was chosen to lead up the chorus of maids in a national solemnity; and for her exemplary conduct in marriage, was placed at the head of all the matrons, in the like publick ceremony. The memory of this learned woman was so precious among her countrymen, that her house was after her death converted into a temple, and the street she lived in called by the name of the Musæum. Nor must I omit, whilst I am mentioning this great philosopher, under his character as the master of a family, that two of his servants so improved themselves under him, that they were instituted into his sect, and make an eminent figure in the list of Pythagoreans. The names of these two servants were Atræus and Zamoixes. This single example sufficiently shews us both the influence and the merit of one who discharges as he ought, the office of a good master of a family; which, if it were well observed

served in every house, would quickly put an end to the universal depravation of manners, by which the present age is so much distinguished; and which it is more easy to lament than to reform.



N^o 166. MONDAY, September 21.

—aliquisque malo fuit usus in illo.

OVID. Met. l. 2. v. 34.

Some comfort from the mighty mischief rose.

ADDISON

CHARITY is a virtue of the heart, and not of the hands, says an old writer. Gifts and alms are the expressions, not the essence of this virtue. A man may bestow great sums on the poor and indigent without being charitable, and may be charitable, when he is not able to bestow any thing. Charity is therefore a habit of good-will, or benevolence, in the form which disposes us to the love, assistance, and relief of mankind, especially of those who stand in need of it. The poor man who has this excellent frame of mind, is no less intitled to the reward of this virtue than the man who founds a college. For my own part, I am not so charitable to an extravagance this way. I never saw an indigent person in my life, without reaching out to him some of this imaginary relief. I cannot but sympathise with every one I meet that is in affliction, and if my abilities were equal to my wishes, there should be neither pain nor poverty in the world.

To give my reader a right notion of myself in this particular, I shall present him with the secret history of one of the most remarkable parts of my life.

I was once engaged in search of the philosopher's stone. It is frequently observed of men who have been



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(in which sum may be comprised, according to Sir William Pettit's observations, all the necessities of life) leaving to them whatever else they could get by their own industry to lay out on superfluities.

I was above a week debating in myself what I should do in the matter of Impropropriations; but at length came to a resolution to buy them all up, and restore them to the church.

As I was one day walking near St. Paul's, I took some time to survey that structure, and not being intirely satisfied with it, though I could not tell why, I had some thoughts of pulling it down, and building it up anew at my own expence.

For my own part, as I have no pride in me, I intended to take up with a coach and six, half a dozen footmen, and live like a private gentleman.

It happened about this time that publick matters looked very gloomy, taxes came hard, the war went on heavily, people complained of the great burdens that were laid upon them: This made me resolve to set aside one morning, to consider seriously the state of the nation. I was the more ready to enter on it, because I was obliged, whether I would or no, to sit at home in my morning-gown, having, after a molt in credible expence, pawned a new suit of clothes, and a full-bottomed whig, for a sum of money, which my operator assured me was the last he should want to bring all our matters to bear. After having considered many projects, I at length resolved to beat the common enemy at his own weapons, and laid a scheme which would have blown him up in a quarter of a year, had things succeeded to my wishes. As I was in this golden dream, some body knocked at my door. I opened it, and found it was a messenger that brought me a letter from the laboratory. The fellow looked so miserably poor, that I was resolved to make his fortune before he delivered his message: But seeing he brought a letter from my operator, I concluded I was bound to it in honour, as much as a prince is to give a reward to one that brings him the first news of a victory. I knew this was the long expected hour of projection, and

I had waited for with great impatience, above year before. In short, I broke open my letter in sort of joy, and found it as follows.

R,

F T E R having got out of you every thing you can conveniently spare, I scorn to trespass upon generous nature, and therefore must ingenuously say to you, that I know no more of the philosopher's stone than you do. I shall only tell you for comfort, that I could never yet bubble a block-out of his money. They must be men of wit and parts who are for my purpose. This made me apply myself to a person of your wealth and ingenuity. I have succeeded you yourself can best tell.

Your humble servant to command,

THOMAS WHITE.

have locked up the laboratory, and laid the key under the door.

was very much shocked at the unworthy treatment of the man, and not a little mortified at my disappointment, tho' not so much for what I myself, as what the world suffered by it. I think however I ought to let the world know what I designed for them, and hope that such of my readers who find they had a share in my intentions, will accept of the will for the deed.



N^o 167. TUESDAY, September 22.

Fata viam invenient— —

VIRG. Æn. 3. v.

— — Fate the way will find.

DRY

THE following story is lately translated out of an Arabian manuscript, which I think has very near the turn of an oriental tale ; and as it has never been printed, I question not but it will be highly acceptable to my reader.

The name of Helim is still famous through all eastern parts of the world. He is called among Persians, even to this day, Helim the great physician. He was acquainted with all the powers of simples, understood all the influences of the stars, and knew the secrets that were engraved on the seal of Solomon the son of David. Helim was also governor of the Black Palatinate and chief of the physicians to Alnareschin the great King of Persia.

Alnareschin was the most dreadful tyrant that ever reigned in this country. He was of a fearful, suspicious and cruel nature, having put to death upon very slight jealousies and surmises five and thirty of his queens, above twenty sons whom he suspected to have conspired against his life. Being at length wearied with the exercise of so many cruelties in his own family, and fearing lest the whole race of Caliphs should be entirely destroyed, he one day sent for Helim, and spoke to him after the following manner. “ Helim,” said he, “ I have long admired thy great wisdom, and retired way of living. I shall now shew thee the entire confidence which I place in thee. I have only two sons remaining, who are as yet but infants. It is my design that thou shalt take them home with thee, and educate them as thy own. Train them up in the humble unambitious manner of suits of knowledge. By this means shall the line of Caliphs be preserved.”



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“ physician.” The king however, was so impatient for such a bride, that without hearing any excuses, he immediately ordered Balsora to be sent for into his presence, keeping the father with him, in order to make her sensible of the honour which he designed her. Balsora, who was too modest and humble to think her beauty had made such an impression on the king, was a few moments after brought into his presence as he had commanded.

She appeared in the king's eye as one of the virgins of paradise. But upon hearing the honour which he intended her, she fainted away, and fell down as dead at his feet. Helim wept, and after having recovered her out of the trance into which she was fallen represented to the king, that so unexpected an honour was too great to have been communicated to her all at once; but that, if he pleased, he would himself prepare her for it. The king bid him take his own way and dismissed him. Balsora was conveyed again to her father's house, where the thoughts of Abdallah renewed her affliction every moment; insomuch that at length she fell into a raging fever. The king was informed of her condition by those that saw her. Helim finding no other means of extricating her from the difficulties she was in, after having composed her mind, and made her acquainted with his intentions, gave her a certain quantity of opium, which he knew would lay her asleep for many days. She afterwards in all the seeming distress of

disconsolate father informed the king she was dead. The king, who never let any sentiments of humanity come too near his heart, did not much trouble himself about the matter; however, for his own reputation, he told the father, that since it was known through the empire that Balsora died at a time when he designed her for his bride, it was his intention that she should be honoured as such after her death, that her body should be laid in the Black Palace, among those of his deceased queens.

In the mean time Abdallah, who had heard of the king's design, was not less afflicted than his beloved Balsora. As for the several circumstances of his distress, as also how the king was informed of an irre-

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overable distemper into which he was fallen, they are to be found at length in the history of Helim. It shall suffice to acquaint the reader, that Helim, some days after the supposed death of his daughter, gave the prince a potion of the same nature with that which had laid asleep Balsora.

It is the custom among the Persians, to convey in a private manner the bodies of all the royal family, a little after their death, into the Black Palace; which is the repository of all who are descended from the Caphs, or any way allied to them. The chief physician is always governor of the Black Palace; it being his office to embalm and preserve the holy family after they are dead, as well as to take care of them while they are yet living. The Black Palace is so called from the colour of the building, which is all of the finest polished black marble. There are always burning in it five thousand everlasting lamps. It has also a hundred folding doors of ebony, which are each of them watched day and night by a hundred negroes, who are to take care that no body enters, besides the governor.

Helim, after having conveyed the body of his daughter into this repository, and at the appointed time received her out of the sleep into which she was fallen, took care some time after to bring that of Abdallah into the same place. Balsora watched over him till such time as the dose he had taken lost its effect. Abdallah was not acquainted with Helim's design when he gave him this sleepy potion. It is impossible to describe the surprise, the joy, the transport he was in at his first awaking. He fancied himself in the retirements of the blest, and that the spirit of his dear Balsora, who he thought was just gone before him, was the first who came to congratulate his arrival. She soon informed him of the place he was in, which, notwithstanding all its horrors, appeared to him more sweet than the bower of Mahomet, in the company of his Balsora.

Helim, who was supposed to be taken up in the embalming of the bodies, visited the place very frequently. His greatest perplexity was how to get the lovers out of it, the gates being watched in such a manner

manner as I have before related. This consideration did not a little disturb the two interred lovers. At length Helim bethought himself, that the first day of the full moon of the month Tizpa was near at hand. Now it is a received tradition among the Persians, that the souls of those of the royal family, who are in a state of bliss, do, on the first full moon after their decease, pass through the eastern gate of the Black Palace, which is therefore called the gate of paradise, in order to take their flight for that happy place. Helim therefore having made due preparation for this night, dressed each of the lovers in a robe of azure silk, wrought in the finest looms of Persia, with a long train of linen whiter than snow, that floated on the ground behind them. Upon Abdalla's head he fixed a wreath of the greenest myrtle, and on Balsora's a garland of the freshest roses. Their garments were scented with the richest perfumes of Arabia. Having thus prepared every thing, the full moon was no sooner up, and shining in all its brightness, but he privately opened the gate of paradise, and shut it after the same manner, as soon as they had passed through it. The band of negroes who were polled at a little distance from the gate, seeing two such beautiful apparitions, that showed themselves to advantage by the light of the full moon, and being ravished with the odour that flowed from their garments, immediately concluded them to be the ghosts of the two persons lately deceased. They fell upon their faces as they passed thro' the midst of them, and continued prostrate on the earth till such time as they were out of sight. They reported the next day what they had seen, but this was looked upon by the king himself, and most others, as the compliment that was usually paid to any of the deceased of his family. Helim had placed two of his own mules at about a mile's distance from the Black Temple, on the spot which they had agreed upon for their rendezvous. Here he met them, and conducted them to one of his own houses, which was situated on mount Khacan. The air of this mountain was so very healthful, that Helim had formerly transported the king
thither,



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off from the Sofa on which he sat, and cried out, “It is he! it is my Abdallah!”—having said this, he fell upon his neck, and wept. The whole company, for some time, remained silent, and shedding tears of joy. The king at length, having kindly reproached Helim for depriving him so long of such a brother, embraced Balsora with the greatest tenderness, and told her that she should now be a queen indeed, for that he would immediately make his brother king of all the conquered nations on the other side the Tigris. He easily discovered in the eyes of our two lovers, that instead of being transported with the offer, they preferred their present retirement to empire. At their request therefore he changed his intentions, and made them a present of all the open country as far as they could see from the top of mount Khacan. Abdallah continuing to extend his former improvements, beautified this whole prospect with groves and fountains, gardens and seats of pleasure till it became the most delicious spot of ground within the empire, and is therefore called the garden of Persia. This Caliph, Ibrahim, after a long and happy reign died without children, and was succeeded by Abdallah a son of Abdallah and Balsora. This was that king Abdallah, who afterwards fixed the imperial residence upon mount Khacan, which continues at this time to be the favourite palace of the Persian empire.



N° 168. WEDNESDAY, September 23.

-----loca jam recitata revolvimus-----

HOR. Ep. 1. l. 2. v. 223

The same subjects we repeat.

S I R,

I Observe that many of your late papers have represented to us the characters of accomplished women; but among all of them I do not find a quotation which I expected to have seen in your works

is: I mean the character of the mistress of a family as it is drawn out at length in the book of Proverbs. For my part, considering it only as a human position, I do not think that there is any character in Theophrastus, which has so many beautiful particulars in it, and which is drawn with such elegance of thought and phrase. I wonder that it is written in letters of gold in the great hall of every country gentleman.

Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is above rubies.

The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, that he shall have no need of spoil.

He will do him good and not evil all the days of his life.

She seeketh wool and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands.

She is like the merchants ships, she bringeth her victuals from afar.

She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens.

She considereth a field, and buyeth it; with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard.

She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms.

She perceiveth that her merchandise is good; her price falleth not out by night.

She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands to the distaff.

She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea she helpeth forth her hands to the needy.

She is not afraid of the snow for her household, for her household are clothed with scarlet.

She maketh herself coverings of tapestry, her raiment is silk and purple.

Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land.

She maketh fine linen, and selleth it, and delivereth her garments unto the merchant.

Strength and honour are her clothing, and she shall rejoice in time to come.

‘ She openeth her mouth with wisdom, and in her
‘ tongue is the law of kindness.

‘ She looketh well to the ways of her household, and
‘ eateth not the bread of idleness.

‘ Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her
‘ husband also, and he praiseth her.

‘ Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou ex-
‘ cellest them all.

‘ Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a wo-
‘ man that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised.

‘ Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her own
‘ works praise her in the gates.

Your humble Servant.

S I R,

‘ **I** Ventured to your lion with the following lines,
‘ upon an assurance, that if you thought them not
‘ proper food for your bealt, you would at least permit
‘ him to tear them.

From Anacreon.

” Ἄγε ζωγράφων ἄριστε, &c.

BEST and happiest artisan,
Best of painters, if you can
With your many-coloured art
Paint the mistress of my heart:
Describe the charms you hear from me,
(Her charms you could not paint and see)
And make the absent nymph appear,
As if her lovely self was here.
First draw her easy flowing hair
As soft and black as she is fair;
And if your art can rise so high,
Let breathing odours round her fly,
Beneath the shade of flowing jet
The iv'ry forehead smoothly set.
With care the sable brows extend,
And in two arches nicely bend,
That the fair space which lies between
The melting shade may scarce be seen.



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‘ quoting them at large, and by that means swelling the
 ‘ volume to 1s. price. If I may be so free with my-
 ‘ self, I might put you in mind upon this occasion of
 ‘ one of those animals which are famous for their love
 ‘ of mankind, that when a bone is thrown at them,
 ‘ fall to eating it, instead of flying at the person who
 ‘ threw it. Please to read the account of the channel,
 ‘ by the map at Will’s, and you will find what I re-
 ‘ present concerning the importance of Dunkirk, as
 ‘ to its situation, very just.

I am, S I R,

Very often your great admirer,

RICHARD STEE



N^o 169. THURSDAY, September 24.

— — Coelumque tueri

Jussit —

OVID. Met. l. 1. v. 85

And bade him lift to heav'n his wond'ring eyes.

IN fair weather, when my heart is cheered, and I feel that exaltation of spirits which results from light and warmth; joined with a beautiful prospect of nature, I regard myself as one placed by the hand of God in the midst of an ample theatre, in which the sun, moon and stars, the fruits also, and vegetables of the earth, perpetually changing their positions, or their aspects, exhibit an elegant entertainment to the understanding, as well as to the eye.

Thunder and lightning, rain and hail, the painted bow, and the glazing comets, are decorations of this mighty theatre. And the sable hemisphere studded with spangles, the blue vault at noon, the glorious gilding and rich colours in the horizon, I look on as so many successive scenes.

When

When I consider things in this light, methinks it is sort of impiety to have no attention to the course of time, and the revolutions of the heavenly bodies. To be regardless of those phænomena that are placed within our view, on purpose to entertain our faculties, and to display the wisdom and power of their Creator, is an affront to providence of the same kind, (I hope it is not impious to make such a simile) as it would be to a good poet, to fit out his play without minding the plot or beauties of it.

And yet how few are there who attend to the dramatic nature, its artificial structure, and those admirable machines, whereby the passions of a philosopher are usefully agitated, and his soul affected with the sweet emotions of joy and surprize?

How many fox-hunters and rural squires are to be found in Great Britain, who are ignorant that they have all this while lived on a planet; that the sun is several thousand times bigger than the earth; and that there are other worlds within our view greater and more glorious than our own. Ay, but says some illiterate fellow, I enjoy the world, and leave others to contemplate

Yes, you eat and drink, and run about upon it, but it is, you enjoy it as a brute; but to enjoy it as a rational being, is to know it, to be sensible of its greatness and beauty, to be delighted with its harmony, and to use these reflections to obtain just sentiments of the Almighty-mind that framed it.

The man who, unembarrassed with vulgar cares, surely attends to the flux of things in heaven, and things on earth, and observes the laws by which they are governed, hath secured to himself an easy and convenient seat, where he beholds with pleasure all that passes on the stage of nature, while those about him are, some fast asleep, and others struggling for the highest places, turning their eyes from the entertainment prepared by providence, to play at push-pin with one another.

Within this ample circumference of the world, the glorious lights that are hung on high, the meteors in the middle region, the various liveliness of the earth, and the profusion of good things that distinguish the seasons,

yield a prospect which annihilates all human grandeur. But when we have seen frequent returns of the same things, when we have often viewed the heaven and the earth in all their various array, our attention flags and our admiration ceases. All the art and magnificence in nature, could not make us pleased with the same entertainment, presented a hundred years successively to our view.

I am led into this way of thinking by a question started the other night, viz. Whether it were possible that a man should be weary of a fortunate and healthy course of life? My opinion was, that the bare repetition of the same objects, abstracted from all other inconveniencies, was sufficient to create in our minds a distaste of the world; and that the abhorrence old men have of death, proceeds rather from a distrust of what may follow, than from the prospect of losing any present enjoyments. For (as an ancient author somewhere expresses it) when a man has seen the vicissitudes of night and day, winter and summer, spring and autumn, the returning faces of the several parts of nature, what is there further to detain his fancy here below?

The spectacle indeed is glorious, and may bear viewing several times. But in a very few scenes of revolving years, we feel a satiety of the same images; the mind grows impatient to see the curtain drawn, and behold new scenes disclosed; and the imagination is in this life filled with a confused idea of the next.

Death, considered in this light, is no more than passing from one entertainment to another. If the present objects are grown tiresome and distasteful, it is in order to prepare our minds for a more exquisite relish of those which are fresh and new. If the good things we have hitherto enjoyed are transient, they will be succeeded by those which the inexhaustible power of the Deity will supply to eternal ages. If the pleasures of our present state are blended with pain and uneasiness, our future will consist of sincere unmixed delights. Blessed hope! the thought whereof turns the very imperfections of our nature into occasions of comfort and joy.

But what consolation is left to the man who hath no hope or prospect of these things? View him in that part
of



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‘ of it, so as to bring it within the compass of your
‘ paper, which take as follows.

‘ I. That trade which exports manufactures made
‘ of the product of the country, is undoubtedly good ;
‘ such is the sending abroad our Yorkshire cloth, Colchester
‘ hays, Exeter serges, Norwich stuffs, &c. Which being
‘ made purely of British wool, as much as those exports
‘ amount to, so much is the clear gain of the nation.

‘ II. That trade which helps off the consumption of
‘ our superfluities, is also visibly advantageous ; as the ex-
‘ porting of allum, copperas, leather, tin, lead, coals, &c.
‘ So much as the exported superfluities amount unto, so
‘ much also is the clear national profit.

‘ III. The importing of foreign materials to be ma-
‘ nufactured at home, especially when the goods, after
‘ they are manufactured, are mostly sent abroad, is also,
‘ without dispute, very beneficial ; as for instance, Spanish
‘ wool, which for that reason is exempted from paying
‘ any duties.

‘ IV. The importation of foreign materials to be
‘ manufactured here, although the manufactured goods
‘ are chiefly consumed by us, may be also beneficial ;
‘ especially when the said materials are procured in ex-
‘ change for our commodities ; as raw-silk, program
‘ yarn, and other goods brought from Turkey.

‘ V. Foreign materials, wrought up here into such
‘ goods as would otherwise be imported ready manu-
‘ factured, is a means of saving money to the nation :
‘ Such is the importation of hemp, flax, and raw-silk ;
‘ it is therefore to be wondered at, that these commo-
‘ dities are not exempt from all duties, as well as Spa-
‘ nish wool.

‘ VI. A trade may be called good which exchanges
‘ manufactures for manufactures, and commodities for
‘ commodities. Germany takes as much in value of
‘ our woollen and other goods, as we do of their linen :
‘ By this means numbers of people are employed on both
‘ sides, to their mutual advantage.

‘ VII. An importation of commodities, bought partly
‘ for money and partly for goods, may be of national
‘ advantage ; if the greatest part of the commodities
‘ thus imported, are again exported, as in the case of

‘ East-

-India goods : And generally all imports of goods which are re-exported, are beneficial to a nation.

VIII. The carrying of goods from one foreign country to another, is a profitable article in trade : Our ships are often thus employed between Portugal, Italy, the Levant, and sometimes in the East-Indies.

X. When there is a necessity to import goods which a nation cannot be without, although such goods are chiefly purchased with money, it cannot be accounted a bad trade, as our trade to Norway and other parts, from whence are imported naval stores and materials for building.

But a trade is disadvantageous to a nation,

1. Which brings in things of mere luxury and pleasure, which are entirely, or for the most part, consumed among us ; and such I reckon the wine trade to be, especially when the wine is purchased with money, and not in exchange for our commodities.

2. Much worse is that trade which brings in a commodity that is not only consumed amongst us, but hinders the consumption of the like quantity of ours. As the importation of brandy, which hinders the spending of our extracts of malt and molasses ; therefore they are prudently charged with excessive duties.

3. That trade is eminently bad, which supplies the same goods as we manufacture ourselves, especially if we can make enough for our consumption : And I take this to be the case of the silk manufacture ; which, although with great labour and industry, is brought to perfection in London, Canterbury, and other places.

4. The importation upon easy terms of such manufactures as are already introduced in a country, must be of bad consequence, and check their progress ; as it would undoubtedly be the case of the linen and paper manufactures in Great Britain (which are of late very much improved) if those commodities were suffered to be brought in without paying very high duties.

Let us now judge of our trade with France by the foregoing maxims.

1. The exportation of our woollen goods to France, is well-barred against, that there is not the least hope of reaping any benefit by this article. They have their

‘ work done for half the price we pay for ours. And
 ‘ since they send great quantities of woollen goods to
 ‘ Italy, Spain, Portugal, Turkey, the Rhine, and other
 ‘ places, although they pay a duty upon exportation
 ‘ it is a demonstration, that they have more than is suffi-
 ‘ cient for their own wear, and consequently no great
 ‘ occasion for any of ours. The French cannot but be
 ‘ sensible of the advantage they have over us in point of
 ‘ cheapness, that I don’t doubt they will give us leave
 ‘ to import into France not only woollen goods, but all
 ‘ other commodities whatsoever upon very easy duties
 ‘ provided we permit them to import into Great Britain
 ‘ wines, brandies, silk, linen and paper, upon paying
 ‘ the same duties as others do. And when that is done
 ‘ you will send little more to France than now you do,
 ‘ and they will import into Great Britain ten times more
 ‘ than now they can.

‘ II. As to our superfluities, it must be owned the
 ‘ French have occasion for some of them, as lead, tin,
 ‘ leather, copperas, coals, allum and several other things
 ‘ of small value, as also some few of our plantation-
 ‘ commodities: But these goods they will have whe-
 ‘ ther we take any of theirs or no, because they want
 ‘ them. All these commodities together that the French
 ‘ want from us may amount to about 200000l. yearly.

‘ III. As to materials; I don’t know of any one sort
 ‘ useful to us that ever was imported from France into
 ‘ England. They have indeed hemp, flax, and wool
 ‘ in abundance, and some raw-silk; but they are too
 ‘ wise to let us have any, especially as long as they enter-
 ‘ tain any hopes we shall be so self-denying, as to take
 ‘ those materials from them after they are manufactured.

‘ IV. Exchanging commodities for co-
 ‘ (if for the like value on both sides) mig-

‘ Nantes,

‘ came back full of linen, wines, brandy and paper:
 ‘ And if it was so before the revolution, when one of
 ‘ our pounds sterling cost the French but thirteen livres,



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‘ X. Linen is an article of more consequence than
‘ many people are aware of: Ireland, Scotland, and se-
‘ veral counties in England, have made large steps to-
‘ wards the improvement of that useful manufacture,
‘ both in quantity and quality; and with good en-
‘ couragement would doubtless, in a few years, bring
‘ it to perfection, and perhaps make sufficient for our
‘ own consumption; which besides employing great
‘ numbers of people, and improving many acres o
‘ land, would save us a good sum of money, which is
‘ yearly laid out abroad in that commodity. As the case
‘ stands at present, it improves daily; but if the duties
‘ on French linen be reduced, it is to be feared it will
‘ come over so cheap, that our looms must be laid aside,
‘ and 6 or 700000l. a year be sent over to France for
‘ that commodity.

‘ XI. The manufacture of paper is very near a-kin
‘ to that of linen. Since the high duties laid on foreign
‘ paper, and that none hath been imported from France,
‘ where it is cheapest, the making of it is increased to
‘ such a degree in England, that we import none of the
‘ lower sorts from abroad, and make them all ourselves;
‘ But if the French duties be taken off, undoubtedly
‘ most of the mills which are employed in the making
‘ of white paper, must leave off their work, and 30 or
‘ 400000l. a year be remitted over to France for that
‘ commodity.

‘ XII. The last article concerns the silk manufac-
‘ ture. Since the late French wars, it is increased to a
‘ mighty degree. Spittlefields alone manufactures to
‘ the value of two millions a year, and were daily im-
‘ proving, ’till the late fears about lowering the French
‘ duties. What pity! that so noble a manufacture,
‘ so extensive, and so beneficial to an infinite number
‘ of people, should run the hazard of being ruined!
‘ It is however to be feared, that if the French can
‘ import their wrought silks upon easy terms, they out-
‘ do us so much in cheapness of labour, and they
‘ have Italian and Levant raw-silk upon so much
‘ easier terms than we, besides great quantities of their
‘ own in Provence, Languedoc and other provinces, that
‘ in all probability half the looms in Spittlefields would
‘ be

‘ be laid down, and our ladies be again clothed in
 ‘ French silks. The loss that would accrue to the nation
 ‘ by so great a mischief, cannot be valued at less than
 ‘ 500000 l. a year.

‘ To sum up all, if we pay to France yearly,

‘ For their wines	l. 450000
‘ For their brandies	700000
‘ For their linen	600000
‘ For their paper	300000
‘ For their silks	500000

1650000

‘ And they take from us in lead, tin, lea-
 ‘ ther, allum, copperas, coals, horn, plates,
 ‘ &c. and plantation goods, to the value of

} 2000000

‘ Great Britain loses by the balance of that
 ‘ trade yearly

} 1450000

‘ All which is humbly submitted to your consideration
 ‘ by,

S I R, Your most humble servant,

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“ N. B. To this will be added the true characters of
 “ persons he has commended, with observations to show,
 “ that panegyrick is not that author’s talent.

SATURDAY,

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N^o 171. SATURDAY, September 26.

Fuit ista quondam in hac republicâ virtus, ut viri fortioribus suppliciis civem perniciosum, quàm acerbis hostem coacerent. CICER. in

There was once that virtue in this commonwealth, that a fellow-citizen was thought to deserve a severer correction than the bitterest enemy.

I HAVE received letters of congratulation and thanks from several of the most eminent choicest houses and coffee-houses, upon my late gallant success in opposing myself to the long swords. On me, that whereas his rooms were too little before, his customers can saunter up and down from corner to corner, and table to table, without any let or motion. I find I have likewise cleared a great many bye-lanes, made the publick walks about more spacious, and all the passages about the Exchange more free and open. Several female wards have sent me the kindest billets upon occasion, in which they tell me, that I have saved some pounds in the year, by freeing their fall-buflouces, and hoops, from the annoyance both of the point and the back. A scout whom I sent abroad to observe the posture, and to pry into the intentions of the enemy brings me word, that the Terrible Club is quite broken up, and that I have totally routed the men that set to delight in arms. My lion, whose jaws are always open to intelligence, informs me, that there are a few enormous weapons still in being; but that they are to be met with only in gaming-houses, and for the obscure retreats of lovers in and about Drury-lane and Covent-Garden. I am highly delighted with the adventure that befel my witty antagonist Tom Sanger, captain of the band of long-swords. He had the misfortune three days ago to fall into company with a master of the noble science of defence, who ta



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form of whiskers, that they may pass to all intents and purposes for true Swiflers.

Indefatigable NESTOR,

‘ GIVE me leave to thank you, in behalf of myself
 ‘ and my whole family, for the daily diversion
 ‘ and improvement we receive from your labours. At
 ‘ the same time I must acquaint you, that we have all
 ‘ of us taken a mighty liking to your lion. His roar-
 ‘ ings are the joy of my heart, and I have a little boy,
 ‘ not three years old, that talks of nothing else, and
 ‘ who, I hope, will be more afraid of him as he grows
 ‘ up. That your animal may be kept in good plight,
 ‘ and not roar for want of prey; I shall out of my
 ‘ esteem and affection for you, contribute what I can
 ‘ towards his sustenance; “Love me, love my lion,” says
 ‘ the proverb. I will not pretend, at any time, to fur-
 ‘ nish out a full meal for him; but I shall now and then
 ‘ send him a favourable morsel, a tid-bit. You must
 ‘ know, I am but a kind of holiday writer, and never
 ‘ could find in my heart to set my pen to a work of
 ‘ above five or six periods long. My friends tell me my
 ‘ performances are Little and Pretty. As they have no
 ‘ manner of connexion one with the other, I write them
 ‘ upon loose pieces of paper, and throw them into a
 ‘ drawer by themselves; this drawer I call the Lion’s
 ‘ Pantry. I give you my word, I put nothing into it
 ‘ but what is clean and wholesome nouriture. Therefore re-
 ‘ member me to the lion, and let him know, that I shall
 ‘ always pick and cull the Pantry for him; and there are
 ‘ morsels in it, I can assure you, will make his chaps to
 ‘ water.

I am, with the greatest respect,

S I R,

Your most obedient servant,

and most assiduous reader.

I must ask pardon of Mrs. Dorothy Care, that I have
 suffered her billet to lie by me these three weeks with-
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at taking the least notice of it. But I believe the kind warning in it, to our sex, will not be now too late.

Good Mr. IRONSIDE,

I Have waited with impatience for that same unicorn, you promised should be erected for the fair sex. My business is, before winter comes on, to desire you would precaution your own sex against being Adamites, by exposing their bare breasts to the rigour of the season. It was this practice amongst the fellows, which at first encouraged our sex to shew so much of their necks. The downy dock-leaves you speak of would make good stomachers for the Beaus. In a word, good NESTOR, so long as the men take a pride in shewing their hairy skins, we may with a much better grace set out our snowy chests to view. We are, we own, the weaker, but at the same time you must own much the more beautiful sex.

I am, S I R,

Your humble reader,

DOROTHY CARE.



N^o 172. MONDAY, September 28.

... Vitam excoluere per artes.

. VIRG. Æn. 6. v. 663.

They grac'd their age with new-invented arts.

DRYDEN.

Mr. IRONSIDE,

I HAVE been a long time in expectation of something from you on the subject of speech and letters. I believe the world might be as agreeably entertained, on that subject, as with any thing that ever came into the

the lion's mouth. For this end, I send you the following sketch; and am,

Yours, PHILOGR.

‘ Upon taking a view of the several species of creatures our earth is stocked with, we may easily observe, that the lower orders of them, such as insects and fishes, are wholly without a power of making known their wants and calamities: Others, which are conversant with man, have some few ways of expressing the pleasure and pain they undergo by countenances and sounds; but man has articulate sounds, whereby to make known his inward sentiments and affections, though his organs of speech are no more perfect than what he has in common with many other less perfect animals. But the use of letters, as signifying the sense of these sounds, is such an additional improvement to them, that I know not whether we ought not to attribute the invention of them to the assistance of a power more than human.

‘ There is this great difficulty which could not attend the first invention of letters, to wit, That the world must conspire in affixing steadily the same signs to their sounds, which affixing was at first arbitrary as possible; there being no more connection between the letters and the sounds they are expressive of, than there is between those sounds and the ideas of the mind they immediately stand for: Notwithstanding which difficulty, and the variety of languages, the powers of the letters in each are very nearly the same, being in all places about twenty four.

‘ But be the difficulty of the invention as great as will, the use of it is manifest, particularly in the advantage it has above the method of conveying thoughts by words or sounds, because this way is confined to narrow limits of place and time: whereas we may have occasion to correspond with a friend at a distance, or a desire, upon a particular occasion, to take the opinion of an honest gentleman, who has been dead this thousand years. Both which desires are supplied by the noble invention of letters. By this means we materialize our ideas, and make the
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‘ to : without it the Iliad of Homer, and Æneid of Virgil had died with their authors, but by this art those excellent men still speak to us.

‘ I shall be glad if what I have said on this art, gives you any new hints for the more useful or agreeable application of it.

I am, S I R, &c.

I shall conclude this Paper with an extract from a poem in praise of the invention of writing, “Written by a Lady.” I am glad of such a quotation, which is not only another instance how much the world is obliged to this art, but also a shining example of what I have heretofore asserted, that the fair sex are as capable as men of the liberal sciences; and indeed there is no very good argument against the frequent instruction of females of condition this way, but that they are but too powerful without that advantage. The verses of the charming author are as follow.

Blest be the man! his memory at least,
 Who found the art, thus to unfold his breast;
 And taught succeeding times an easy way
 Their secret thoughts by Letters to convey;
 To baffle absence, and secure delight,
 Which, till that time, was limited to fight.
 The parting farewell spoke, the last adieu,
 The less'ning distance past, then loss of view,
 The friend was gone, which some kind moments gave,
 And absence separated, like the grave.
 When for a wife the youthful Patriarch sent,
 The camels, jewels, and the steward went,
 And wealthy equipage, tho' grave and slow,
 But not a line, that might the lover show.
 The ring and bracelets woo'd her hands and arms,
 But had she known of melting words, the charms
 That under secret seals in ambush lie,
 To catch the soul, when drawn into the eye,
 The fair Assyrian had not took his guide,
 Nor her soft heart in chains of pearl been ty'd.



N^o 173. TUESDAY, September 29.

--- Nec fera comantem
 percissum, aut flexi tacuissim vimen Acanthi,
 lentisque Hederas, & amantes littora myrtos.

VIRG. Georg. 4. v. 122.

Behold the late Narcissus, and the winding trail
 Bears foot, Myrtles green, and Ivy pale.

DRYDEN.

ATELY took a particular friend of mine to my
 house in the country, not without some apprehension
 it could afford little entertainment to a man of his
 taste, particularly in architecture and gardening,
 had so long been conversant with all that is beauti-
 ful and great in either. But it was a pleasant surprise
 to hear him often declare, he had found in my
 retirement that beauty which he always thought
 wanting in the most celebrated seats, or if you will villas,
 of the nation. This he described to me in those verses,
 which Martial begins one of his epigrams :

Patula nostris villa, Bassæ, Faustini,
 non otiosis ordinata myrtetis,
 sed iduaque platano, tonsilique buxeto,
 ingrata lati spatia detinet campi,
 sed rure vero barbaroque lætatur. Ep. 58. l. 3.

My friend Faustinus' country seat I've seen :
 No myrtles, plac'd in rows, and idly green,
 No widow'd platane, nor clip'd box-tree, there,
 The useless soil unprofitably share ;
 But simple nature's hand, with nobler grace,
 Diffuses artless beauties o'er the place.

There is certainly something in the amiable simplicity
 of adorned nature, that spreads over the mind a more
 noble sort of tranquillity, and a loftier sensation of plea-
 sure, than can be raised from the nicer scenes of art.

This

This was the taste of the ancients in their gardens, as we may discover from the descriptions extant of them. The two most celebrated wits of the world have each of them left us a particular picture of a garden; wherein those great masters, being wholly unconfin'd, and painting at pleasure, may be thought to have given a full idea of what they esteem'd most excellent in this way. These (one may observe) consist intirely of the useful part of horticulture, fruit-trees, herbs, water, &c. The pieces I am speaking of are Virgil's account of the garden of the old Corycian, and Homer's of that of Alcinous. The first of these is already known to the English reader, by the excellent versions of Mr. Dryden and Mr. Addison. The other having never been attempted in our language with any elegance, and being the most beautiful plan of this sort that can be imagin'd, I shall here present the reader with a translation of it.

The garden of Alcinous, from HOMER'S Odyss. 7.

Close to the gates a spacious garden lies,
 From storms defended and inclement skies :
 Four acres was th' allotted space of ground,
 Fenc'd with a green inclosure all around.
 Tall thriving trees confest the fruitful mold ;
 The red'ning apple ripens here to gold :
 Here the blue fig with luscious juice o'erflows,
 With deeper red the full pomegranate glows :
 The branch here bends beneath the weighty pear,
 And verdant olives flourish round the year.
 The balmy spirit of the western gale
 Eternal breathes on fruits untaught to fail :
 Each dropping pear a following pear supplies,
 On apples apples, figs on figs arise ;
 The same mild season gives the blooms to blow,
 The buds to harden, and the fruits to grow.

Here order'd vines in equal ranks appear;
 With all th' united labours of the year.
 Some to unload the fertile branches run,
 Some dry the black'ning clusters in the sun,

Others



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in monstrous attempts beyond the reach of the art itself. We run into sculpture, and are yet better pleased to have our trees in the most awkward figures of men and animals, than in the most regular of their own.

Hinc & nexilibus videas è frondibus hortos,
 Implexos latè muros, & mœnia circùm
 Porrigere, & lata; è ramis surgere turre; ;
 Deflexam & myrtum in puppes, atque ærea rostra :
 In buxisque undare fretum, atque è rore rudentes.
 Parte aliâ frondere suis tentoria castris ;
 Scutaque spiculaque & jaculantia citria vallos.

Here interwoven branches form a wall,
 And from the living fence green turrets rise :
 There ships of myrtle sail in seas of box :
 A green encampment yonder meets the eye,
 And loaded citrons bearing shields and spears.

I believe it is no wrong observation, that persons of genius, and those who are most capable of art, are always most fond of nature, as such are chiefly sensible that all art consists in the imitation and study of nature. On the contrary, people of the common level of understanding are principally delighted with the little niceties and fantastical operations of art, and constantly think that *finest* which is least natural. A citizen is no sooner proprietor of a couple of yews, but he entertains thoughts of erecting them into giants, like those of an eminent cook, who beautifies his country-seat with a coronation dinner in green, where you see the champion flourishing on horseback at one end of the table, and the queen in perpetual youth at the other.

For the benefit of all my loving countrymen of the curious taste, I shall here publish a catalogue of greens to be disposed of by an eminent town-gardiner, who has lately applied to me upon this head. He represents that for the advancement of a politer sort of ornaments in the villas and gardens adjacent to this great city, and in order to distinguish those places from the mere barbarous countries of gross nature, the world stands mu-

n need of a virtuoso gardener who has a turn to sculpture, and is thereby capable of improving upon the ancients of his profession in the imagery of ever-greens. My correspondent is arrived to such perfection, that he cuts family pieces of men, women or children. Any ladies that please may have their own effigies in myrtle, or their husbands in horn-beam. He is a puritan wag, and never fails, when he shows his garden, to repeat that passage in the Psalms, "Thy wife shall be as the fruitful vine, and thy children as olive branches round thy table." I shall proceed to his catalogue, as he sent it for my recommendation.

Adam and Eve in yew; Adam a little shattered by the fall of the tree of knowledge in the great storm: Eve and the serpent very flourishing.

The tower of Babel, not yet finished.

St. George in box; his arm scarce long enough, but will be in a condition to stick the dragon by next April.

A green dragon of the same, with a tail of ground-ivy for the present.

N. B. These two not to be sold separately.

Edward the Black Prince in Cypress.

A laurustine bear in blossom, with a juniper hunter in berries.

A pair of giants, stunted, to be sold cheap.

A queen Elizabeth in phyllyræa, a little inclining to the green sickness, but of full growth.

Another queen Elizabeth in myrtle, which was very forward, but miscarried by being too near a favine.

An old maid of honour in wormwood.

A topping Ben Johnson in laurel.

Divers eminent modern poets in bays, somewhat blighted, to be disposed of, a pennyworth.

A quick set hog shot up into a porcupine, by its being forgot a week in rainy weather.

A lavender pig with sage growing in his belly.

Noah's ark in holly, standing on the mount; the ribs a little damaged for want of water.

A pair of maidenheads in fir, in great forwardness.



N^o 174. WEDNESDAY, September 30.

Salve Pæoniæ largitor nobilis undæ,
 Salve Dardanii gloria magna soli:
 Publica morborum requies, commune medentum
 Auxilium, præsens numen, inempta salus.

CLAUD

Hail, greatest good Dardanian, fields bestow,
 At whose command Pæonian waters flow;
 Unpurchas'd health! that dost thy aid impart
 Both to the patient, and the doctor's art!

IN publick assemblies there are generally some envious splenetick people, who having no merit to procure respect, are ever finding fault with those who distinguish themselves. This happens more frequently at those places, where this season of the year calls persons of both sexes together for their health. I have had ream of letters from Bath, Epsom, Tunbridge, and St. Wenefrede's well; wherein I could observe that a concern for honour and virtue proceeded from the want of health, beauty, or fine petticoats. A lady who subscribes herself Eudofia, writes a bitter invective against Chloe the celebrated dancer, but I have learned, that she herself is lame of the rheumatism. Another, who hath been a prudent, ever since she had the small-pox, is very bitter against the coquettes and their indecent airs; and a sharp wit hath lent me a keen epigram against the gamblers; but I took notice, that it was not written upon gilt paper.

Having had several strange pieces of intelligence from the Bath; as, that more constitutions were weak; that the physicians were more busy in destroying old bodies, than the young fellows in producing new ones; with several other common-place strokes of rallery: I resolved to look upon the company there, as I returned lately out of the country



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of that class of men; but I should forfeit all titles to modesty, should I any longer oppose the common sense of the nobility and gentry of the kingdom. Were we to treat all those with contempt, who are the favourites of blind chance, few levees would be crowded. It is not the height of sphere in which a man moves, but the manner in which he acts, that makes him truly valuable. When therefore I see a gentleman lose his money with serenity, I recognize in him all the great qualities of a philosopher. If he storms, and invokes the gods, I lament that he is not placed at the head of a regiment. The great gravity of the countenances round Harrison's table, puts me in mind of a council board; and the indefatigable application of the several combatants furnishes me with an unanswerable reply to those gloomy mortals, who censure this as an idle life. In short, I cannot see any reason why gentlemen should be hindered from raising a fortune by those means, which at the same time enlarge their minds. Nor shall I speak dishonourably of some little artifice and finesse used upon these occasions, since the world is so just to a man who is become a possessor of wealth, as not to respect him the less, for the methods he took to come by it.

Upon considerations like these, the ladies share in these diversions. I must own, that I receive great pleasure in seeing my pretty country-women engaged in an amusement which puts them upon producing so many virtues. Hereby they acquire such a boldness, as raises them near the lordly creature man. Here they are taught such contempt of wealth, as may dilate their minds, and prevent many curtain-lectures. Their natural tenderness is a weakness here easily unlearned; and I find my soul exalted, when I see a lady sacrifice the fortune of her children with as little concern as a Spartan or a Roman dame. In such a place as the Ball I might urge, that the casting of a die is indeed the properest exercise for a fair creature to assist the waters; not to mention the opportunity it gives to display the well-turned arm, and to scatter to advantage the rays of the diamond. But I am satisfied, that the gamester-ladies have surmounted the little vanities
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rewing their beauty, which they so far neglect, as to throw their features into violent distortions, and wear away their lillies and roses in tedious watching, and restless lucubrations. I should rather observe that their chief passion is an emulation of manhood, which I am the more inclined to believe, because, in spite of allanders, their confidence in their virtue keeps them up all night, with the most dangerous creatures of our sex. It is to me an undoubted argument of their ease of conscience, that they go directly from church to the gaming-table; and so highly reverence play, as to make it a great part of their exercise on Sundays.

The *Water-Poets* are an innocent tribe, and deserve all the encouragement I can give them. It would be barbarous to treat those authors with bitterness, who never write out of the season, and whose works are useful with the waters. I made it my care therefore to sweeten some four criticks who were sharp upon a few sonnets, which, to speak in the language of the Bath, were mere alkalies. I took particular notice of a lenitive electuary, which was wrapped up in some of these gentle compositions; and am persuaded that the pretty one who took it, was as much relieved by the cover as the medicine. There are a hundred general topicks put into metre every year, viz. "The lover is inflamed in the water, or, he finds his death where he sought his cure; or, the nymph feels her own pain, without regarding her lover's torment." These being forever repeated, have at present a very good effect; and a physician assures me, that laudanum is almost out of doors at the Bath.

The physicians here are very numerous, but very good-natured. To these charitable gentlemen I owe, that I was cured, in a week's time, of more distempers than I ever had in my life. They had almost killed me with their humanity. A learned fellow-lodger prescribed me a *little something*, at my first coming, to keep up my spirits; and the next morning I was so much enlivened by another, as to have an order to bleed for my fever. I was proffered a cure for the scurvy by a third, and had a recipe for the dropsy gratis before night.

In vain did I modestly decline these favours; for I awakened early in the morning by an apothecary, brought me a dose from one of my well-wishers: I paid him, but withal told him severely, that I did not take physick. My landlord hereupon took me for an Italian merchant that suspected poison; but the apothecary, with more sagacity, guessed that I was certainly a physician myself.

The oppression of civilities which I underwent from the sage gentlemen of the faculty, frightened me from making such inquiries into the nature of these springs as would have furnished out a nobler entertainment on the Bath, than the loose hints I have now thrown together. Every man who hath received any benefit there, ought, in proportion to his abilities, to improve, adorn, or recommend it. A prince should found hospitals, the noble and rich may diffuse their ample charities. Mr. Tompion gave a clock to the Bath, and Nestor Ironside have dedicated a Guardian.



N^o 175. THURSDAY, October 1.

Quique sui memores alios fecere merendo.

VIRG. *ÆN.* 6. v. 6

Who rais'd by merit an immortal name.

THE noble genius of Virgil would have been exalted still higher, had he had the advantage of christianity. According to our scheme of thought if the word *Memores* in the front of this paper were changed into *Similes*, it would have very much heightened the motive to virtue in the reader. To do good and great actions merely to gain reputation and transmit a name to posterity, is a vicious appetite and will certainly insnare the person who is moved by it. On some occasions, into a false delicacy for fear of reproach; and at others, into artifices which taint the mind, though they may enlarge his fame. The ende



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I am sure, had I the best living in England to give, should not think the addition of it sufficient acknowledgment of his merit, especially since I am informed that the simplicity of his life is agreeable to his useful knowledge and learning.

The praise of this author seems to me to be the great perspicuity and method which render his work intelligible and pleasing to people who are strangers to such inquiries, as well as to the learned. It is a very desirable entertainment to find occasions of pleasure and satisfaction in those objects and occurrences which we have all our lives, perhaps, overlooked, or beheld without exciting any reflexions that made us wiser or happier. The plain good man does, as with a wand, shew us the wonders and spectacles in all nature, and the particular capacities with which all living creatures are endow'd for their several ways of life; how the organs of creatures are made according to their different paths in which they are to move and provide for themselves and families; whether they are to creep, to leap, to swim, to fly to walk; whether they are to inhabit the bowels of the earth, the covert of the wood, the muddy or clear streams, to howl in forests, or converse in cities. All life from that of a worm to that of a man is explained; and as I may so speak, the wondrous works of the creation, by the observations of this author, lie before us as objects that create love and admiration, which, without such explications, strike us only with confusion and amazement.

The man who, before he had this book, dressed and went out to loiter and gather up something to entertain a mind too vacant, no longer needs news to give himself amusement; the very air he breathes suggests abundant matter for his thoughts. He will consider that he has begun another day of life, to breathe with all other creatures in the same mass of air, vapours and clouds, which surround our globe; and of all the numberless animals that live by receiving momentary life, or rather momentary and new reprieves from death, at their nostrils, he only stands erect, conscious and contemplative of the benefaction.

A man

A man who is not capable of philosophical reflexions in his own education, will be as much pleased as with any other good news which he has not before read. The agitations of the wind, and the falling of rains, are what are absolutely necessary for his well-being and accommodation. This kind of reader will be delighted with the light with a new joy, and a sort of reasonable pleasure. He will be led from the appendages which attend the contemplation of the globe itself, the distribution of the earth and waters, the variety and quantity of all things provided for the uses of our world: Then will his contemplation, which was too diffused and general, be let down to particulars, to different soils and moulds, to the beds of minerals and stones into caverns and volcanos, and then in to the tops of mountains, and then again to the hills and valleys.

When the author has acquainted his reader with the nature of his abode, he informs him of his capacity to make himself easy and happy in it by the gift of senses, their ready organs, by shewing him the structure of these organs, the disposition of the ear for the receipt of sounds, of the nostril for smell, the tongue for taste, the nose to avoid harms by our feeling, and the eye by sight.

The whole work is concluded (as it is the sum of fifteen sermons in proof of the existence of the Deity) with exhortations which apply each distinct part of it to an end, which the author may hope to be rewarded with immortality much more to be desired, than that of remaining in eternal honour among all the sons of men.



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