

shall be glad to exhibit them to the public; tho' the whole, I am afraid, will scarcely make more than a miniature-cabinet-picture.

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Mankind are certainly more apt to look at the unfavourable, than the pleasing, aspects of society. I believe that scarcely any other reason can be assigned for it than the following; namely, that the moral appearance of mankind has more of the first than of the last, and what presses most upon the view is most apt to engage the attention. You will pardon me for thinking, that, as the first has pressed more upon your view, and has, of late years, been more sensibly felt by you, these circumstances form the reason why the Scribbler contains in its pages more of the foibles, infirmities, and vices of man and womankind, than of their excellencies or virtues. I am aware that you give encouragement to your correspondents to communicate also to you the beauties of character that may present themselves to their observation in their various neighbourhoods; but, whether it arises from the scarcity of the article, or from the perverted taste of your contributors, which incites them to seek out, and "prey on garbage," rather than feed on dainties, I can not say; but certainly the Scribbler dwells lightly and seldom on the virtues of the human race, and appears all-powerful on its errors and follies. I am far from thinking that the Scribbler is wrong in exercising its knotted lash on the vices, or its attic wit, on the foibles, of the human race, as, although the satire should not produce reformation, it at least, will operate as a preventative.— It already has done so in several instances; when