

tious, precise and fantastical, all in a breath—tied to no rule, and bound to conform to every rule of the minute.

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Fashion makes people sit up at night when they ought to be in bed, and keeps them in bed in the morning, when they ought to be up and doing. She makes her votaries visit when they would rather stay at home, eat when they are not hungry, and drink when they are not thirsty. She invades their pleasures, and interrupts their business; she compels them to dress gaily either upon their own property or that of others; she makes them through life seek rest on a couch of anxiety, and leaves them, in the hour of desolation, on a bed of thorns.

ANON.

In the court of Alexander the Great, every one affected to carry his head awry, because the mighty hero had a twist in his neck, which made it with him a grace of necessity. Dionysius was extremely short-sighted; and his flatterers, as Montaigne tells us, "ran against one another in his presence, stumbled at and overturned whatever was under foot, to show that they were as purblind as their sovereign." Don John of Austria, son of Charles V., had a large patch of hair on one side of his head, which grew upright like bristles; and to conceal the peculiarity, he used to comb back the whole of the hair from his