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fold Refufals after falling of Stocks: The Lawyer after getting a retaining Fee from a rich Client: The Statefman after the Fall of his Rival Favourite and the poor Wit, after he hears a great Lord repeat his Pun: In fhort, She defires every Body to come to her in good Humour, and express forbids any Perfon to touch her Book in a gloomy Day, unless they are at a warm Fife Side, with a Bottle of good Wine on the Table, and Money enough in their Pocket.

I cannot but blame the Cuftom of our Country which makes it unfalhionable for fine Ladies to know any thing about Bufmels: In my Opinion it would much better become a Shopkeeper's Wife to fet up for underftanding the Trade her Husband deals in, than to fet up for a Wit, and a nice Judge of Plays and Opera's. I cannot fee any Reafon why we have not Girls as well

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