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the mandates of the Almighty, fallen from that blessed state, and is now surrounded with all the evils and dangers attendant on sin and misery. Satan like a roaring lion ranges about seeking whom he may devour, and man preys upon his fellow-man: often do we see the wicked rolling in riches and honors, while poor depressed merit is too often abandoned to poverty and scorn. The tenderness and sensibility that prevails in the minds of females, subjects them to many temptations and dangers from which men are in a manner exempt. Their weakness and dependent state places their reputation on a foundation so slender, that the smallest breath of wind will overturn, and the slightest touch indelibly tarnish. While lordly man can sin with impunity, and his most indecent deviations from modesty and virtue, set down as trifling indiscretions and oftentimes, the more he sins the more he is caressed. He can without any scandal to himself, seduce the innocent virgin from the paths of virtue, while the unfortunate victim of his arts is expelled from society, and doomed either to end her days in a brothel, among the most depraved, or be made a sacrifice on the altar of justice.

The family of the unfortunate subject of these pages, was a happy one until the intrusion of the vile seducer, when the unfortunate Harriot, the victim of his wicked arts, was the hope and joy of her aged parents; but in an unsuspecting moment their hopes were blasted forever; their gray hairs were brought in sorrow to the grave! A doating and only brother was thereby driven into a state of retirement, and during the remainder of his days lived a recluse from the society of men.

My fair readers—You see by the foregoing pages the gradation of evils attendant on a departure from that dignified modesty which renders you respectable and loved by the good and the worthy of the other sex. A chaste and virtuous woman sits exalted on the pinnacle of excellence, giving rational happiness and pleasure to all within the reach of her acquaintance; as a sister, she possesses the warmest affection of her brothers, and the value set upon her reputation very often prevents them from the commission of acts of folly which precede the depravity of vice; and as a daughter, the delight of her parents, and the sweet soother of the path down the vale of life from time to eternity. But mark the contrast. I am now to depict woman in her state of depravity, which I do with reluctance. View the scenes of dissipation, and the closing resort upon earth of these misguided females, who too credulous, lost