

He would have released the agonized flies, and bid them enjoy that freedom of which he himself was bereaved?

But the taste for natural beauty is subservient to higher purposes than those which have been enumerated—and the cultivation of it not only refines and humanizes, but dignifies and exalts the affections. It elevates them to the admiration and love of that Being who is the Author of all that is fair, sublime, and good in the creation. Scepticism and irreligion are hardly compatible with the sensibility of heart which arises from the just and lively relish of the wisdom, harmony, and order subsisting in the world around us—and emotions of piety must spring up spontaneously in the bosom that is in unison with all animated nature. Actuated by this divine inspiration, man finds a lane in every grove—and glowing with devout fervor, he joins his song to the universal chorus, or muses the praise of the Almighty in more expressive silence. Thus they

“Whom nature's works can charm, with  
God himself  
Hold converse—grow familiar, day by day,  
With his conceptions—act upon his plan,  
And form to his the relish of their souls.”

## MISCELLANEOUS.

### DIRECTIONS FOR THE LADIES.

Let every wife be persuaded that there are two ways of governing a family—the first is by the expression of that will which belongs to force—the second by the power of mildness, to which even strength will yield. One is the power of the husband—a wife should never employ any other arms than gentleness.

When a woman accustoms herself to say I will, she deserves to lose her empire.

Avoid contradicting your husband. When we smell a rose, it is to imbibe the sweetness of its odour—we likewise look for every thing that is amiable from woman. Whoever is often contradicted feels insensibly an aversion for the person who contradicts, which gains strength by time, and whatever be her good qualities, it is not easily destroyed.

Occupy yourself only with household affairs—wait till your husband confides to you those of a higher importance, and do not give your advice till he asks it.

Never take upon yourself to be a censor of your husband's morals, nor read lectures to

him. Let your preaching be a good example, and practice virtue yourself to make him in love with it.

Command his attention by being always attentive to him—never exact any thing, and you will obtain much—appear always flattered by the little he does for you, which will excite him to do more.

When a man gives wrong counsel, never make him feel that he has done so, but lead him on by degrees to what is rational, with mildness and gentleness—when he is convinced, leave him all the merit of having found out what is just and reasonable.

When a husband is out of temper, behave obligingly to him—if he is abusive, never retort—and never prevail over him to humble himself.

Chose well your female friends—have but few, and be careful of following their advice in all matters, particularly if inimical to the foregoing instructions.

Cherish neatness without luxury, and pleasure without excess—dress with taste and particularly with modesty. Such things may appear trifling, but they are of more importance than is imagined.

A SERENE MIND.—When Fenelon was informed of the total destruction of his books by fire, he tranquilly replied, I should have derived no profit from them, had they not taught me patiently to bear their loss.

All wonder, is the effect of novelty upon ignorance.

### RESPONSIBILITY OF DRUNKARDS

It is a maxim in legal practice, that those who presume to commit crimes when drunk must submit to punishment when sober. This state of the law is not peculiar to modern times. In ancient Greece, it was decreed by Pittacus, that he who committed a crime when intoxicated should receive a double punishment, viz. one for the crime itself, and the other for the ebriety which prompted him to commit it. The Athenians not only punished offences done in drunkenness with increased severity, but by an enactment of Solon, inebriation in a magistrate was made capital. In our own country, at the present time, acts of violence committed under its influence, are held to be aggravated rather than otherwise—nor can any person bring it forward as an ex-