

The younger part went to hot cockles, blind-man's buff, or any thing that furnished an opportunity for romping; and the graver sort to gleek, primero, and other sedentary games, of which I know nothing but their names.

This was the whole course of a country life, with some variations as to winter and summer; which I have been the more particular in describing, as few people are acquainted with it, and this indeed but a trifling piece of knowledge; but which, by comparing it with the life of a modern lady, (which is so well known it need not be described) may furnish a moral by no means contemptible, and lead us to observe: That refinement in pleasure can but little contribute to make our time pass the more agreeably; and that all the improvements which successive ages have produced, in reality amount to no more than bare changing one set of amusements for another. People's passions have been at all times the same, but take a different complexion from the thousand circumstances that surround them. What pleases in an age of simplicity will be insipid when luxury prevails; as the passions become then so compounded that they are of a different species from what nature af-

forded them to us; and must be gratified by something more than natural or common life can furnish.

Hence new inventions, and the perpetual vicissitude of amusements we engage in, thro' hopes of pleasure which we can never find, and never will till we call back our passions from this counterchance. We may change, and change, and be never the nearer, if we expect happiness from artificial pleasures. The nearer nature, the longer every thing pleases; and the farther we get from it the more forlorn shall we be, more liable to anxiety, and more incapable of joy. Thus I would remark of pleasures that we are innocent, and such recreations as we are free to follow; which the young may engage in without reproach, and are only criminal because ridiculous in the old. Whether the high life amusements now in fashion deserve the name of pleasure, must be left to the performers of those exalted scenes; but lookers on will imagine, that loss of health, reputation, and fortune, cheerfulness of mind and spirits, with a visible decay of understanding, in all who pursue them to excess, is buying them at an over-price.

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EXTRACTS from the CORRESPONDENCE of the present KING of SWEDEN, when a young Man, with the SUPERINTENDENTS of his EDUCATION.

*Count Tessin to his Royal Highness.*

**Y**OUR royal highness hath had a governor many years, but perhaps without ever once having had leisure to enquire into the meaning of his title, or extent of his duty. We derive our word governor from the French *gouverneur*, which originally signified a pilot, or he that stands at the helm of a ship, and whose business it is to bring those, who have intrusted him with their lives, safe to land.

One part of a governor's duty is to preserve the health of his pupil, that his strength of body may increase with his years, and his life be extended to the greatest possible length. It is in compliance with this duty that I am now and then obliged to thwart your inclinations; which, though it should offend you at present, I flatter myself you will live to pardon. But to preserve your health, and prolong your life is not, alone, sufficient. A governor must be equally assiduous to render life happy: But real happiness

can, by no possibility, grow from any root, except that of religion, which must, therefore, be carefully planted in the heart.

The first thing we should learn, when we quit the cradle, is, to whom we are indebted for our being; that we are no less than the work of the Almighty. We then, most naturally, ask in what manner we are to express our gratitude, to worship, and obey him. I cannot forbear acknowledging, that your royal highness hath most cheerfully fulfilled these principal duties; and I verily believe that Sweden may thank your tender voice for many of the blessings which she now enjoys.

After we have imbibed a true knowledge and fear of our Creator, the natural depravity of our hearts requires the immediate assistance of morality, which ought to tread upon the heels of faith: But to gain our early affections, it is necessary she should make her first appearance in her very gayest apparel. Tales, fables, similes, and the like, are commonly the ornaments in which she attracts our first attention;