

"Why, what would you do with him! I will tell you. You'd pet and pamper the poor beast, till he was eaten up with disease, and as nervous as a fine lady.

No, no; you'd better give little Adelaide to me. Lion and I could take much better care of her than you can."

"Perhaps so, sir," she replied, with the gentle manner that had come over her since the accident; but still I could not spare her. She is my only child and I a widow."

"I must go," muttered the gentleman to himself. "Whew! Has not the Immortal WELLER assured us that one window is equal to twenty five ordinary women? It's not safe—morally safe—to be in the same boat with her."

He walked away. But who can wrestle against fate? When the boat returned to London Bridge, I saw him carrying Adelaide ashore, with the pretty widow leaning on his arm. They had a long conversation all the way home! and when he had put them into a cab they had another chat through the window, terminating with a promise to "COME EARLY." What could all this mean? He looked after the cab till it was out of sight.

"I think she has got rid of her nerves," he observed to himself. "What a charming creature she is without them!"

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Virtue is no enemy to pleasure, grandeur, or glory: her proper office is to regulate our desires, that we may enjoy every blessing with moderation, and lose them without discontent.

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Adversity is the best school of virtue.

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THE period has passed away, in which woman was regarded as an inferior being, and only known as the abject slave of her tyrant lord, doomed to wear out her life in servile obedience to one who should have been her guide and protector. Education has ameliorated her condition, and not only rescued her from degradation and misery, but elevated her to that situation in society which she was originally destined to fill by her all-wise Creator. Where the happy effects of civilization and refinement are experienced, there her intellectual endowments are appreciated, and she is regarded as an intelligent and accountable being. Among the enlightened nations of Europe and America, we find her occupying a place at once honourable and influential; her name is enrolled among the benefactors of her country, and her genius and talents entitle her to the highest meed of praise. It has been affirmed that the mind of woman is not susceptible of that degree of mental culture attainable by her more gifted companion, man; that her intellect is defective, and that her sphere of usefulness does not extend beyond the confines of the domestic circle. The many brilliant examples of intellectual superiority which have adorned our world, prove, that with all the disadvantages of an inferior education, and the prejudices of the learned world, woman has successfully competed with the usurper of literature; correcting, by her admirable productions, the abuses