

approach it with awe. He will recollect, with alarm, that in this scene,

—Fools rush in, where angels fear to tread.

The fabric that we contemplate is a sort of fairy edifice, and, though it consist of innumerable parts, and hide its head among the clouds, the hand of a child almost, if suffered with neglect, may shake it into ruins.

There is no good reason to conclude, that speculative enquiries ought not to be tolerated, or even that they may not, if consulted with soberness, afford materials for general utility. But it is with soberness and caution that the practical politician will alone venture to consult them. Do you tell me, "that there are great abuses in society?" No wise man will dispute it. But these abuses are woven into the very web and substance of society; and he that touches them with a sacrilegious hand, will run the risk of producing the widest and most tremendous ruin. Do you tell me, "that these abuses ought to be corrected?" Every impartial friend to mankind will confirm your decision with his suffrage, and lend his hand to the salutary work.

Yes,