

ther waiting upon her all the time, while the other girls were talking with the beaux.'—And another young friend of mine said with an air most laughably serious, "I don't think Harriet and Julia enjoyed themselves at all last night. Don't you think, no body but their *brother* offered to hand them to the supper-room."

That a mother should wish to see her daughters happily married is natural and proper; that a young lady should be pleased with polite attentions, is likewise natural and innocent; but this undue anxiety, this foolish excitement about showing off the attentions of somebody, no matter who, is attended with consequences seriously injurious. It promotes envy and rivalry; it leads our young girls to spend their time between the public streets, the ball room and the toilet; and worst of all it leads them to contract engagements, without any knowledge of their own hearts, merely for the sake of being married as soon as their companions. When married, they find themselves ignorant of the important duties of domestic life; and its quiet pleasures soon grow tiresome to minds worn out by frivolous excitements. If they remain unmarried, their disappointment and discontent are of course in proportion to their exaggerated idea of the éclat attendant upon having a lover. The evil increases in a startling ratio; for these girls, so injudiciously educated, will, nine times out of ten, make injudicious mothers, aunts and friends; thus follies will be accumulated unto the third and fourth generation. Young ladies should be taught that usefulness is happiness, and that all other things are but incidental. With regard to matrimonial speculations they should be taught nothing!—Leave the affection to nature and to truth, and all will end well. How many can I at this moment recollect, who have made themselves unhappy by marrying for the sake of the *name* of being married! How many do I know who have been instructed to such watchfulness in the game, that they have lost by trumping their own tricks!

One great cause of the vanity, extravagance, and idleness that are so fast growing upon our young ladies, is the absence of *domestic education*. By domestic education I do not mean