

**MISCELLANEOUS.****THE FAITHLESS HUSBAND.**

There is no suffering more acute than that felt by an affectionate and sensitive mind, mourning over the violation of nuptial vows. This suffering is not confined to the unhappy woman in the dwelling of poverty, who, at the midnight hour, trembles, as she hears the approaching footsteps of her drunken husband. You may go into many an elegantly furnished abode, and find the broken-hearted wife and mother, surrounded by every external comfort, and yet in solitude, and silence, and tears. There is nothing that will compensate for the neglect of those we love—"I have seen," says a quaint writer, "the accomplished wife, before twenty moons had waned since she changed her name, sitting alone and solitary as the sparrow on the house top. Perhaps her health was now so delicate that the nourishing care of her partner was almost necessary to her existence; but he was gone away to some political, literary, or perhaps to some dissipated club. Perhaps he returns at midnight, breathing the fumes of wine, and steaming with the smoke of segars."

You call him a brute who breaks his wife's head; so he also is a brute who breaks her heart: and now many an unhappy wife sits friendless and alone, during all the hours of the evening, and even of the night, when her faithless husband is seeking his pleasures in other society. How painful must be her reflections on thus finding her fondest anticipation disappointed, and the fireside, at which she hoped to be blessed with sympathy and society, deserted and desolate. That man deserves not the generous affections of a wife, who will not invite her love by the respect and honour of personal attention. It is not a few gaudy trinkets and occasional freaks of fondness that can give your wife a happy heart, and make her home a happy one. There must be real substantial kindness, the unequivocal evidence of love for the society and joys at home.

It is not unfrequently that a wife mourns over the alienated affections of her husband, when she has made no effort herself to strengthen and increase his attachment. She thinks, because he once loved her, he ought always to love her, and she neglects those attentions which first enchained his heart. Many a wife is thus the cause of her own neglect and sorrow. That woman deserves not a husband's generous love, who will not greet him with smiles as he returns from the labours of the day; who will not chain him to his home by the sweet enchantment of a cheerful room and a cheerful heart. There is not one man in a thousand so unfeeling as to withstand such an influence, and break away from such a home.

**YOUTH AND MANHOOD.**

As in the succession of the seasons, each, by the invariable laws of nature, affects the productions of what is next in course—so in human life, every period of our age, according as it is well or ill spent, influences the happiness of that which is to follow. Virtuous youth generally brings forward accomplished and flourishing manhood; & such manhood passes off itself without uneasiness into respectable and tranquil old age. But when nature is turned out of its regular course, disorder takes place in the moral just as in the vegetable world. If the spring put forth no blossoms, in summer there will be no beauty, and in autumn no fruit. So if youth be trifled away without improvement, manhood will be contemptible, and old age miserable.

**ADVICE TO PARENTS.**

Consider thou who art a parent, the importance of thy trust. The being thou hast produced it is thy duty to support.

Upon thee also it dependeth whether the child of thy bosom shall be a blessing or a curse to thyself—a useful or a worthless member to the community:

Prepare him early with instruction, and season his mind early with the maxims of truth.