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FIGURES IN DOMINOS.

(TRANSLATED FROM THE GERMAN OF A YOUNG ENGLISHWOMAN.)

On the third of December, 1824, the emperor gave a ball and masquerade, which was fully attended. My propitious stars had brought me acquainted with Goethe, the poet. Day after day I had lived with him in great intimacy and friendship, and he seemed desirous that I should see every thing of consequence, on condition, as I was learning German, that I should note every event in that language. He in kindness took me to the ball. It was splendid in the extreme; but so many attended, that it might be called an "orderly confusion." The emperor was staid and solemn; intending, no doubt, to be courteous, but all did not think so; and myself, for one, thought he was not quite so condescending as he might have been; but no matter for that, he had a goodly set around him. The dancing was new to me, and I confess my prejudices are against waltzing. I did not join in the dance. The masquerade soon followed; and in fact, for a short time, the dance was carried on with masks, then the maskers scattered to find amusement where they could. It was delightful, but I soon became fatigued and threw aside my disguise to join my friend and protector Goethe, who was a privileged person and went where he pleased without a disguise. He was happy to find me, and as we leaned against the wall, I ventured to enquire of him the names and characters of several figures which struck

my attention particularly. Goethe seemed pleased with answering my inquiries, and I proceeded with confidence. "That figure on whom your eyes are fixed, and whose dress and mask denotes that he intended this night to represent Alcibiades, is an old lawyer who has a desire to be thought young, and shudders at growing old as fast as nature intends he shall; still, however, she is very kind to him, for seldom do you see such limbs and such movements after sixty five; for deny it as often as he can, he has reached that age. You see him speaking to every pretty girl in the saloon, from a passion of being wonderfully agreeable. This is his weak side, for in the main he is a clever fellow, and a lawyer of no ordinary character; not that he is very learned, but he is a shrewd discerner of men, and looks quite through their actions and motives—the light of nature is in him. He is not very eloquent, for his voice is rather low and sometimes husky; yet he so arranges and connects his subject, that its weak side is hid and an apparent chain of argument is produced of great strength, and ingeniously wound around his adversary. To be successful, his opponent must break it; not attempt to untwist it. Long practice has given him a faculty of making a witness say almost what he desires him to say, and if any part of the testimony makes against his side of the ques-