

yet the fashion of shaping out every thing in a lady's rearing for mere expense and show, is become so universal even to the daughters of the meanest tradesmen, that husbands who have not large incomes are banished entirely out of the market, and thus three-fourths of the women are left to be old maids by the gentlemen merely in self-defence.

Without further introduction, we now go on to preach a needful sermon against this superfine gentility and tinsel of a modern female education, by the help of the proverbs of our fathers ; being convinced that it is the source of many evils, much false ambition, and a world of folly—according to the saying,

Golden dreams make us wake hungry.

All this, however, shows the necessity of increasing, instead of diminishing, a mercenary spirit on the part of parents in making for their children the bargain of marriage ; for, if the young ladies are reared in a way to increase their wants, and extend their capacity for mere enjoyment, the danger is the greater of their marrying where these wants are not likely to be supplied. Thus, all the maxims which the prudence of our ancestors has erected into common proverbs, tending to impress upon the young the necessity of sacrificing the affections of the heart to the considerations of money, for the upholding of fictitious wants become doubly imperative in a state of society, such as we are now in. I therefore begin by quoting the maxim,

Ne'er marry a pennyless maiden who is proud of her pedigree,
unless you wish to take home to your house a regular sinking fund ; or, as Dean Swift would say, unless you put on your tenderest part, " a perpetual blister." In short, in all cases of highly refined society, or, where there are high pretences of any sort, money must ever be the chief and most important desideratum.

In all cases of marriage, indeed, it cannot be too much impressed upon young ladies, to be wary and circumspect in their choice ; and rather to incur the risk of losing a chance, than rushing into so new a condition without good consideration ;