

deluge in, to entertain ladies by descriptions of mock adventures, such as riding an earthquake to water, drinking out of the milky-way, cutting a piece off of the spectre of the Brocken for a night-cap, catching a comet by the tail, or hunting for a calf's-head in the cell of a moon-beam. If, after you have delivered yourself of this matchless piece of sense and humor, the lady gravely asks if you had any difficulty in finding a *calf's-head*, you may know that she fully appreciates your genius, and that you have made an immense hit.

#### RULE THE FORTY-SEVENTH.

I advise you to study to perform a few pleasing and charming tricks in every lady's presence, such as snatching her pocket-handkerchief out of her lap and throwing it upon the floor, and violently stamping upon it; and when she asks, with terror, what you are doing, reply that you are killing a *wiper*. Or you can open the door on a winter's night, and then astonish and delight her by asking if there are any *pickles in it?* and when she asks what you mean, reply, "Nothing: only I see it is *a-jar*." A few such tricks as these will convince a lady that you would be as amusing in a house as a monkey, and therefore would be a great prize as a husband.

#### RULE THE FORTY-EIGHTH.

If you intend to call on a lady in the evening, do not neglect to drink liquor several times, and several kinds of it, during the day; for this will give spirit to your conversation, while it will enable you to perfume her whole house with a fragrance which can be equalled only by scent that has now become very rare, in consequence of the scarcity of the animal that produces it.

#### RULE THE FORTY-NINTH.

Giggle and laugh perpetually,—make fun, even of serious things; for that will show that your heart is as light as your head, and that grief is as great a stranger to the one as sense to the other.

#### RULE THE FIFTIETH.

If you have not the natural sprightliness and playfulness to enable you to take advantage of these rules, take the other tack, and be as surly as possible; that is, if you cannot be a *puppy* and frisk and bark, be an old dog and growl.

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