

and shipwreck: not happiness? Yet is the infamy of such a crime tolerated in civilized society to the disgrace of human nature, whereas did it meet with the punishment it merits there would be less broken hearts, less seared affections and many happier faces; yes, selfishness is implanted in our nature from infancy, and it is but by the *reflection* of our fault that we can correct ourselves.

Such was the history and moral of prozy old Surface (so he was called), to which his friend Bob Rowland listened with all proper respect, hoping to hear in some change of the story the lov'd name of Reckless introduced. Miss Reckless had taken his heart, not by storm, but by her foot, which was not particularly small, but *particularly* neat. But no! Old Surface had "say'd his say" and no Reckless made its appearance; however there is nothing like resolution, and bringing his to the sticking point, he asked his friend if he still continued his intimacy with them. No; was the reply, they have some impudent sons who forget the respect due to their seniors, I go there sometimes, but not quite so often: I first knew them some ten years since, when overtaken by a storm one evening I sought shelter in the pretty little summer residence of old Mr. Reckless; the family were just at tea, and the finest set of dirty faced little children, I ever saw; Miss Reckless (Bob's heart was in his throat) presided at the social board, the mother sitting on one side, Phil reading a book and sipping his tea on the other; the mother has been a beauty in her day, with strong remains of it yet, and a slight tinge of affectation in her manner by no means disagreeable.—She is perfectly lady-like; the daughter (Bob moved his chair closer) is unlike either parent in person—charming in every thing, when she pleases—accomplished even to pudding making, she has a face of intellectual comeliness, and a well stored head and runs away with all the common sense of the family. She has a pretty foot, said Bob. I never looked at her foot, answered Surface, she has beautiful eyes and a ravishing smile, perhaps more remarkable for its scarcity, she does not always condescend to beam upon us, she looks devilish