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20,000 sick and wounded Russians, were burned, and the greater part of them perished; the French Emperor fixed his head-quarters at the Kremlin, or citadel, in the centre of the town, which had suffered little injury. The 20th bulletin of the French army, dated Sept. 17, says—"Moscow, one of the finest and richest cities in the world, is no more. On the 14th the Russians set fire to the Exchange, the bazaar, and the hospitals. On the 16th a violent wind arose. Three or 400 ruffians set fire to the city in 500 different places, at the same moment, by order of the Governor Rostopschin. Five-sixths of the houses were built of wood; the fire spread with prodigious rapidity; it was an ocean of flame. The churches, of which there were 1600, above 1000 palaces, immense magazines—nearly all have fallen a prey to the flames. The Kremlin has been preserved"

Young Wives.—A writer in Queen Anne's day, speaking of young brides, says, it is usual with young wives before they have been many weeks married, to assume a confident look and manner of talking; as if they intended to signify, in all companies, that they were no longer girls, and, consequently, that their whole demeanor before they got a husband, was all but a constraint upon their nature, whereas, I suppose, if the votes of wise men were gathered, a very great majority would be in favour of those ladies, who, after they had entered into that holy state, chose rather to double their portion of modesty and reservedness. Avoid the least degree of fondness for your husband before any witness whatever, even before your nearest relations, or the very maids of your chamber. This proceeding is exceedingly odious and disgusting to all who have either good breeding or good sense, that they assign two very unamiable reasons for it; the one is gross hypocrisy, the other has too bad a name to be mentioned. Conceal your esteem and love in your own breast, and reserve your kind looks and language for private hours, which are so many in the four and twenty.

"Prayer," says Selden, "should be short, without giving God Almighty reasons why he should grant this or that; he knows best what is good for us. If your boy should ask for a suit of clothes, and give you reasons,—otherwise he cannot wait upon you,—he cannot go abroad but he will discredit you—would you endure it? You know better than he; let him *ask* a suit of clothes." Ay,—and what need then of asking even for the suit of clothes, when he is constantly under his master's eye, who cannot but see the necessity of the boy's being in better attire?—"I had rather," says the good Owen Felltham, in his *Resolves*, and who was a contemporary of Selden. "I had rather be deprived of all the solaces of this life, yea, and the ordinances that tend to a better, than be debarred of recourse to my God by prayer. Next to Christ, it is man's mediator, to reinstate him in the favor of an offended Deity. It is the Moses that opens the rock, and brings Israel food in the wilderness. It is the sun that gives Jeremy light in the dungeon. It puts a muzzle on the lions' jaws, that else would tear a Daniel. It is the angel, that, walking with the Children in the furnace, keeps them from so much as singeing in the midst of the fiercest flames."