

her sheath as the narcissus does, if you do not give her air enough; but you cannot fetter her, she must take her own fair form and way if she take any, and in mind as in body must always have

‘ Her household motions light and free,
And steps of virgin liberty.’

To the cottage Aunt Marian came often and was a welcome visitor, and Marie frequently accompanied her. Erica wondered at this extreme friendliness and attributed it to the relief at now having no rival in her aunt's affection; but to Marjorie the reason was easily apparent—a fear that she would be making *un faux pas* by losing Erica's good-will, and a desire to gather from the passing chat some news of Dr. Graham, which she could not glean from Mrs. Lennox's chance correspondence.

In all these meetings Marjorie's simple dignity and Aunt Marian's perfect *savoir vivre* filled Marie with bitter envy which sadly marred both beauty and repose and caused Erica strongly to doubt Marie's pretensions to good birth and education.

“ Marjorie,” said Erica, one night, as they