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be a Fanning Brotherhood as well as a Fanning Sisterhood ? But here we are met on the part of the men with an objection which actually strikes—we tremble as we write the words—at the use of the fan altogether ? Medical authorities are against its use, on the ground that a draught artificially created by a fan will give a person cold as soon as any accidentally occurring draught. We sincerely hope this is not the case. But it is impossible to ignore the authorities in favor of the theory. The choice then is between a fashionable adjunct of piety, and health ; or, to put it more properly, simplicity and health against fashionable piety and a cold in the head. And here another element comes in—the element of beauty—an element not utterly disdained by the Fanning Sisterhood. A young lady with a cold in her head and a damp pocket-handkerchief in her pocket, is, however good her looks, without lines of the ridiculous. It is true she might have some advantage from the High Churchman's point of view—and of her it might be said, as of the Abbess in the Canterbury Tales, that she could intone the service full sweetly through her nose. Yet anything that directly causes harm to the body we may be sure cannot do good to the soul, and therefore cannot be pleasing to the author of both. It is barely possible, therefore, that it would be well if the Fanning Sisterhood would review the question whether the fan is or is not a Divine institution, and if they should find out that it is not, and that by disusing it in church they will at once cease to imperil their health and disturb the preacher and the congregation, all the elaborate schemes of fan cultivation which we have been revolving may be laid on one side with the disused fan.

### III.

## ADDISON.

(*Spectator*, No. 102.)

MR. SPECTATOR,

Women are armed with fans as men are with swords, and sometimes do more execution with them. To the end, therefore, that ladies may be entire mistresses of the weapon which they bear, I have erected an academy for the training up of young women in the exercise of the fan, according to the most fashionable airs and motions that are now practised at Court. The ladies who carry fans under me are drawn up twice a day in my great hall, where they are instructed in the use of their arms, and exercised by the following words of command :

Handle your fans,  
Unfurl your fans,  
Discharge your fans,  
Ground your fans,  
Recover your fans,  
Flutter your fans.

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