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ON A CERTAIN LADY AT COURT.

[*HENRIETTA HOWARD, COUNTESS OF SUFFOLK.*]

I KNOW the thing that 's most uncommon!

(ENVY, be silent; and attend!)

I know a reasonable woman;

Handsome and witty, yet a friend!

Not warped by passion, awed by rumour;

Not grave through pride, or gay through folly;

An equal mixture of good humour

And sensible soft melancholy.

'Has she no faults then,' ENVY says, 'Sir?'

Yes, she has one, I must aver!

When all the World conspires to praise her;

The woman 's deaf, and does not hear!
