

A CURIOUS DESCRIPTION OF THE MANNERS AND CUSTOMS OF



CONTAINING,

Motives for going to Church—The common conversation of the Female Sex after leaving a Place of Worship—An Address to Parents who bring up their Children—To poor Men—Effects of Intemperance, &c.



Some go to church to take a walk,
Some go there to smile and talk,
Some go there to meet a friend,
Some go there the time to spend,
Some go there to meet a lover,
Some go there a fault to cover,
Some go there for observation,
Some go there for speculation,
Some go there for fashions to see,
Some go there to bend their knee,
Some go there to dose and nod,
But few go there to worship God.

The common Conversation of young Women after leaving a Place of Worship.

Many a young lass will go to church on a Sunday, with a new gown and a hungry belly; with one glove off and the other on, in the coldest day in winter; with a bible or prayer book lapped up in a perfumed pocket handkerchief, enough to perfume almost the whole church; with about five or six yards of black ribbon sewed to the quarters of her shoes and bound round her ancles, which they call sandles, to hide the holes in the heels of their stockings.—They will go and hear sermon after sermon, Sunday after Sunday, month after month, and year after year, at the same time they have no more knowledge of their bible than our honest publicans when they fill a pot of froth which makes a pot of beer come very dear. Their common conversation, after leaving a place of worship, is thus: Did you see such a one? what a pretty bonnet she had on, I admire its shape! Did you notice Mary such a one? what a short waisted gown she has got, how neat it fits across the back, large sleeves which would hold almost two or three stone of flour in each, with well shaped flounces! Did you view Jane such a one with a new silk pelisse? the colour is exceedingly pretty, and fits so well, I wonder who makes for her! Did you see Sarah such a one with a beautiful large muff and tippet? they are pretty beyond all description! Others go home, and perhaps find their husbands the worse of liquor, then they get a clumsy crack, that is just like a pudding without fat, genteel crust on the outside and no good in the middle. A great many drunken women go such lengths, that they would pawn their clothes, not excepting their smocks, for spirits: they seldom think of their Creator, or any thing good.

A small neglect by not taking a thing in time may produce bad consequences: for want of a nail the shoe was lost; for want of a shoe the horse was lost; for want of a horse the rider was lost, being overtaken and slain by the enemy—all for want of a horse shoe nail, For want of a needleful of thread in the tail of a gown, it runs from the tail to the top, and then it is sent to the rag shop.

Of all callings and trades in London, and other towns; Quack Doctors, Pawnbrokers, Gin, Whisky, and Beer

Shops, and the like are best. Barber's shops on a Sunday morning to curl young women's hair; and the Pawnshops on a Monday morning for the use of those who are married; if they do good they make it known to their neighbours, for what the men bring out at 7 o'clock on Saturday night the women put in again before 8 on Monday; some in for victuals, but a good deal for gin, whisky, and beer; some to buy new caps and curls to adorn their head; some come out no more till the Auctioneer brings them out to sell. Were many women and servant girls to spend as much, time in mending their clothes as they do in curling their hair, and drink less spirits and beer, there would not be so many pawnshops as there are.

ADDRESS TO PARENTS.

YE parents rich and poor in every station,
Do not neglect your children's education;
While at home before they go abroad,
Instruct them in the knowledge of the Lord.
Teach them some useful work instead of play,
And let them not profane the Sabbath-day;
Consider well what charge upon you lies,
For setting a bad example before their eyes;
If they are brought into disgrace or shame,
Or to the gallows, you are much to blame.
If ever grown old such parents are despised,
By their own children who can be surprized?
Train up a child when young in the right way,
And when grown old they will not go astray;
Should they prove wicked after all your care,
Don't give them up but hold them still in prayer;
For while the lamp of life holds out to burn,
The vilest sinner and the rudest child may repent and turn.

ADDRESS TO MEN.

Let every poor man find his way to the cheapest market, on Saturday, and the place of worship where he can hear the best minister on Sunday, and go like an honest man to his labour, if he has got it to go to, on Monday; follow these simple rules, and they will in all probability make you happy in time, and accompanied with the blessing of God happy to all eternity.

EFFECTS OF INTEMPERANCE.

"O! that men should put an enemy into their mouths to steal away their brains."

DRUNKENNESS expels reason, drowns the memory, defaces beauty, diminishes strength, inflames the blood, cause incurable diseases; is a witch to the senses, a thief to the purse, ruins the soul, a wife's woe, and children's sorrow; who drinks to another's good health and robs himself of his own.

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