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Six pleasant Stories.


I.

*Of a Physician, who felt the pulse
of a Lady.*

 Physician called to visit a Lady, vvho vvvas sick at bed, being vvilling to feel her pulse, and she pretending a silly bashfullnes, refusing to give him her bare arm, drevv the sleeve of her smoak as far as her hand, seeing the foolishness of that tentender Lady, took the corner of his cloak and covered his hand, for to feel her pulse telling her: a Lin-nen-pulse deserveth a cloth physician.


II.

*A pleasant comfort of a poor
beggan.*

 Beggar having lain a night upon a bench, vvvhich vvvas to hard, that it had almost bruised his vvhole body, in the morning rising, and finding under his head a feather of a goose, said: o Lord! vvhat can do those rich men, vvho have hundred millions of feathers under their bed, since one only has caused me so much pain.

III.

*Of a certain man, who would not
drink without eating.*

 Nce many being upon the sea, there arose such

such a hard tempest, that every one thought, he should be drownded ; amongst the company one seeing, there was no more hopes , to escape , went to his trunk, where his provision was for his journey, and began to eat heartily, while the others were weeping and praying, as it is used in those occasions. The master of the ship seeing him, told him, ah Friend, what are you doing ? Do you not see the danger, wherein we ly ? and instead of praying to God you are eating. Yes, yes, said our eater, I see very well the danger, and I foresee, that I must drink my belly full , therefore, I eat, for to lay a good foundation , for I cannot drink fasting. Sure this was a Frenchman , for they can never drink in France without a crust.

IV.

An ass giveth the lye to his master.

A N countryman desired his neighbour to lend him his ass, to whom the master of the ass said, he was very sorry, that he had not asked sooner, for he had lent him to another ; he had scarce said the words, but the ass began to bray ; well, well, said the countryman ; hear, there is your ass, which saith, that it is true. That you have lent him to another, truly you are a very obliging man. How, saith the other, do you believe rather my ass, than me ?

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A witty answer.

ONE day the Queen of England passing upon London's bridge, saith to a poor German, who asked her an alm: Pauper ubique jacet. The German, vvho vvvas not a common vvitt, replied her: Si pauper ubique jaceret, in sinu Reginae jacerem. Which caused the Queen vvondring at his vvitt, to give him a fine present.

VI.

What woman a man must marry.

DEmosthenes being asked, vvhat vvoman a man must make choice of, for to be vvell married, answered in fevv vvords, she must be rich, that she may entertain you; noble, that she may render you considerable in the vvorld; young, that she may serve you; Chaste, that she may be sincere and faithfull to you. But another man had not hit less vvittily than he, said, that he vvould have but six P. for a vvife. Puella a maid; Pia virtuous; Prudens, vvise and prudent: Pulchra, fair, and vvell shaped; Pudica chaste; Potens rich.

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