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" Let not the young my precepts fhun, "Who llight good counfels are undone." Cotton.


This book is for the ute of thole little boys who ftrive to do as they are taught by their friends; fuch as do not cry when going to be wafted or combed, nor pout nor grumble when rent to fchool; and for thole who fubmit to the requefts of their parents, who know what is proper for little boy to do. Some children have not been careful to attend to the advice of their friends, and have often brought themfelves into pain and trouble. A little
boy and girl were once fent into a garden, to walk and play; they were told not to pick any of the fruit, nor to eat fuch as had fallen from the trees. For fome time they amufed themfelves with trying to repeat the names of the flowers, and running up and down the walks; when the little boy, feeing a pear upon one of the flower beds, took it up: his fifter defired him not to eat it without afking leave; " but," faid he, "one bite can't hurt me much;" and was juft putting it to his mouth, when he faw a wafp coming out of a hole in the pear, very clofe to his lips; it flew away as faft as it could. The lad followed, and in ftriving to beat it down with his hat, he ran near to a bee-hive; the bufy infects, diturbed by the buftle he made, came out in great numbers, and ftung his hands and face.

He could not blame his fifter, it was his own act, and he only was punifhed, tho' fhe flrove to comfort him all
fhe could, when the bees had left him.
He was candid enough to confefs the truth to his friends, who applied fome proper ointment to his hands and face, which in time got well, though he fuffered great pain.

Children mould obey their parents; for want of this, fome have loft their lives, and others have been made cripples. One little boy, who was very fond of picking pies or tarts, which were in the clofet, had his hand caught in a rat-trap, and fadly cut.

At a village in Kent, fome children were one day playing at a difance from a well; they were told not to go near it, but at length one of the went to peep into the well, and was in the act of falling, when a young woman ran to fave it; fhe was juft in time to catch hold of the child's clothes; bul in her hafte, reaching too far, tho fell after the child! It was about twenty feet to the water, but only four more

to the bottom of the well; fo that the young woman, when fhe had a litttle recovered from her firft furprife, ftood on her feet in the well, and held the child in her arms. Their cries reached the ears of two gardeners, who with a bucket-rope, and the help of a ladder, drew them both out alive, though forely bruifed and very wet. It is a great neglect to leave wells uncovered; but that is no excufe for children not obeying their parents.


The building here fhewn, proves the truth of the old proverb, that "neceffity is the mother of invention."

A tinker, who had no other method of gaining a livelihood, than by travelling to fell tin and iron wares, and mending pots, kettles, \&c. found it very difficult to travel with his family, goods, and tools; at firft he had an afs, which carried his whole fhop and forge, having contrived to fix a fmall pair of bellows on the animal's
back, fo as to enable him to folder a pot, or tin a faucepan. He foon found this method inconvenient, for in rainy weather he could do but little or no work; and to procure agreeable lodging at night, in every place, was very difficult; therefore, he made atea-kettle of tin and iron plates, large enough for himfelf, his wife, and two children to live in; this was fixed upon a carniage with four wheels, and drawn by a little horfe, from place to place. With this he carried materials, focontrived, as to fix up a fhop on one fide of his houfe; and if it rained, or the fun incommoded him when at work, he had a Chade, fomewhat like an umbrella, which he found very ufeful. Wherever the tea-kettle made its appearance, the tinker had little need to cry his trade; its novelty drew many admirers, who found the infide of the kettle very clean and neat, and the furniture well adapted to its fitua-
ton. His wife kept her children clean, and they received many prefeats from vifiters who had no occa. from for a tinker.

In time the tea-kettle proved too fall for an increafing family, and another apartment was added, in the Shape of a coffee-pot; this ferved as a bed-room; fo that, of one or more of the children, it might be faid, that they were born in a coffeepot, and brought up in a teakettle. There is at this day a machine fimilar in many reflects to that we have defcribed, the owner of which has, we are told, brought up fix children, without the ufe of any other house; that he is an excellent workman, making models of large buildings in tin; and in addition to a neatly-furnifhed tea-kettle, he has contrived fame curious clock-work, with moving figures, \&c. for the entertainment of vifiters; and calls it the Peregrination Houfe.



Whoever has vifited the Tower of London, within the fe few years pal, may have heard of the lioness and dog. Attachments among brutes have been as remarkable as any amongft men;we have heard of a bitch robbed of her pups, which caught a young leveret, brought it home alive, fuckled it, and efteemed it as her own! A cat alpo, at Colchefter, that had loft her kittens, fuckled a young rat, which was frequently found eating out of
the fame plate, and fleeping in the fame bakket! and here we have an account of a lionefs fo attached to a dog, as to refufe eating without it; nor does the dog willingly leave the den by night or day. It was fleeping with its head on the fide of the lionefs, the laft time we vifited the Tower. The dog, which we have defcribed, was taken away from the lionefs at the time fhe had two whelps: when they were of an age to be removed, her then favourite dog was loft; without a companion fhe would not eat, and his place is now fupplied by a dog nearly of her own colour. At the time the whelps were with the lionefs, a vifiter going too near to the front of the den, was fadly wounded by her claws. Children fhould keep at a proper diftance from wild beafts. There is alfo in the back yard of the menagerie in the Tower, two monkeys, who are very expert climbers,
they afcend a pole with as little difficulty as moft perfons have to go up a pair of flairs. Travellers inform us they plunder fields of the grain, and plantations of fugar canes; and while one flands (as a centinel) on a tree to look out, the others load themfelves with the booty: but if the owner of the field appears likely to interrupt them, their faithful companion on the look-out, gives notice by crying out hoop, hoop, hoop! which the reft perfectly underfand, they fcamper off upon three legs, holding their plunder in their righthand, and evade their purfuers by climbing up trees. The females, even loaded with their young ones, clafp them clofely to their breaf, leap like the others from tree to tree, and efcape with the reft. There is, among many other beafts in the Tower, a baboon, called Jumbo; he is very expert in throwing and catching nuts, bifcuits, and apples;

but it would be better for fuch little boys as go to fee him, neither to play with him, nor to go within the reach of his paws to teaze him, as he has been feen to throw the half of a mopfick with great force to a diftance of feveral yards from him. Travellers in Africa have been much annoyed by thefe animals in the woods, and on the mountains, having had nicks and ftones thrown at them, and for a time they were not able to difcern from whence they came. Monkeys are

frequently made to ride on the backs of camels, or dancing bears.The methods ufed to teach the bear to dance, are fet forth by a late benevolent author, in nearly the following words; "The cruelties practifed on this poor animal, in teaching it to walk erect, and move to a tune of the flagelet, are fuch as make fenfibility fhudder. Its eyes are put out, it is kept from food, and beaten. till it yields obedience to the will of
its favage tutors. Some of them are taught by fetting their feet on hot iron plates, \&c. It is Thocking to every feeling mind to reflect, that fuch cruelties fhould be practifed by our fellow men." We hope our little readers will not fop, to encourage travellers who act fo cruelly to any part of the brute creation.

We have read of a traveller who had a monkey to accompany him as a tafter: believing, that whatever fruit or plants the monkey would eat of, they were not poifonous.

Animals of this kind, in general, have a greedinefs for chewing tobacco, and we have feen them eat muftard or fnuff without thewing any inconvenience, and were defirous of having more. A female and her young one were lately fhewn in London: fhe carried it in her arms, and fuckled it ather breaft: the young one was taken from
her for a fort time, to be feen by forme vifiters, in a feparate apartment, and upon its being returned to her, the opened its mouth, and carefully examined the pouches, to fee and to feel whether any improper food had been given to it.

We have feed forme of this fpecies very dexterous in handling a lick, as folders do their guns, and clofely imitating the filly pranks of men.

Of Martins and Swallows.
There are many opinions how the fe kinds of birds difpofe of themfelves in winter. It feems to be an error, that because they have been found in nombers on the fides of lakes and rivers, that they pafs the cold months in a torpid fate under water. For as the fallow tribe live wholly on infects, and in watery places gnats and other winged

infects chiefly abound, it is not to be wondered at that thefe birds fhould refort to thofe places for food.

They may have been drowned while roofting, by the rifing tide, and being fifhed up a few hours after, poffibly, even while in a ftate of fufpended animation; but their internal fructure is declared by the late Surgeon Hunter, who had diffected many fwallows, to be fuch, as to render it highly abfurd

to fuppofe they could remain any long time under water, without drowning. Another opinion is, that they retire like bats into caverns, $\mathcal{E} c$. where they pafs the winter: there have been inflances of fwallows found in a torpid ftate, in old coal-pits, and in clifts by the fea-fide ; it is alfo a known fact, and what happens almoft every winter, - that fome days of continued mild weather feldom fail to bring out a few fwallows, who difappear again at the return of froft.
The third and moft received opinion is, that they migrate, and that the deficiency of food is a good motive to induce them to retreat to warmer climates; their fudden difappearance in autumn, and coming of the main body in fpring, fpeak loudly in favour of migration. Sir Charles Wager, in his return up the Englifh channel, from a cruife, fell in with, in the fpring of the year, a large flock of fwallows,
which fettled on the rigging of his fhip, like a fwarm of bees; they were fo tired, that many were taken by hand: after refting for the night, they renewed their flight in the morning.

Amufive birds ! fay where's your hid retreat, When the froft rages, and the tempefts beat; Whence you return by fuch nice inftinct led, When fpring, fweet feafon, lifts her bloomy head?
Such baffled fearches mock man's prying pride,
The Great Almighty is your fecret guide!

The following is an inftance of the danger of robbing birds of their young. - ${ }^{6}$ One Edward Oats, employed in the garden of the archbifhop of York, attempting to take a hawk's neft, he was fo violently attacked by the birds, as to occafion him to fall from the tree, and he was killed on the fpot."-This happened near to Midfummer in 1800 .



Of the Cuckoo.
Cuckoos build no nefts, the female depofits her folitary egg in that of another bird, by whom it is hatched; fhe moft frequently choofes that of the hedge-fparrow.-By the accurate ob. fervation of Edward Jenner, as publifhed in 78 th vol. of the Tranfactions of the Royal Society, he obferves, that "On June the 18 th, 1787 , he examined a neft, which then contained a cuckoo's and three hedge-fparrows'
eggs; on viewing it the next day, the bird had hatched, but the neft then contained only a young cuckoo and a young hedge-fparrow. The neft was fo placed that he could difinctly fee what was going on; and, to his great furprife, he faw the young cuckoo, though fo lately hatched, in the act of turning out the young hedge-fparrow. The mode of doing this was curious: the little animal, with the affiftance of its rump and wings, contrived to get the bird upon its back, clambered backward up the fide of the neft, till it reached the top, and threw off its load with a jerk. He made feveral experiments in different nefts, by repeatedly putting in an egg to the young cuckoo, which he always found turned out of the neft. It is remarkable that nature feems to have formed the cuckoo different to other young birds, at this period having a very broad back, with a depreffion in the middle, which gives a more fecure
lodgement to the egg of the hedgefparrow or its young one, while the cuckoo is throwing either from the neft. When it is about twelve days old, all this cavity is filled up, and the back appears of the fhape of nefling birds in general." Our author gives another inftance which fell under his notice. Two cuckoos and a hedgefparrow were hatched in the fame neft, one hedge-fparrow's egg remaining unhatched: in a few hours the hedge-fparrow and egg were turned out, and a conteft began between the cuckoos, which was very remarkable; each alternately appeared to have the advantage, as each carried the other feveral times nearly to the top of the neft, and then funk down again under the weight of its burden, till at length the ftrongeft prevailed, and was afterwards bred up by the hedge-fparrow.-Though fome cuckoos remain here in a torpid ftate, yet many retire to milder climates.


There are great varieties of this beautiful bird, equally admirable for their plumage. Some which are brought from the provinces of China are kept in aviaries in this kingdom. The common pheafants are moftly found in low woody places, on the borders of plains, where they delight to fport; during the night they perch on the branches of trees. The young follow the mother as foon as ever they are freed from the :hell.


Partridges make but little or no neft, fcratching fhallow holes in the ground, the hen frequently depofits her eggs, to the number of eighteen or twenty; after the hen has fat three weeks, the young come forth, full feathered, like chickens, capable of running and picking up ants, flugs, grain, or any other food they find.

Standing corn proves a fafe retreat; but when they happen to be furprifed, they exhibit wonderful infances of
inftinct, in their attachment to their young. If danger approaches the brood, before they are able to fly, both the parents take wing, and the young ones get under the nearef fhelter, where they remain motionlefs; the hen, after flying fome hundred yards, lights on the ground, and running along the furrows, foon arrives at the place fhe fet out from, collects her little family, and conducts them to a place of fafety. The cock, at the fame time, endeavours to engage the attention of the fportfmen ; when all danger is over, the call of the female directs him to her retreat. The hen, in the abfence of her mate, has been known to take the part of alluring men from her brood, and is noticed in nearly the following words, by White, in his Naturalift's Calendar. "A hen partridge came out of a ditch, and ran along, fhivering with her wings, and crying, as if wounded, and unable to get from us.
"While fhe acted thus, a boy who atten ded me, faw her brood, that was fmall and unable to fly, run for fhelter intoan old fox-earth, under the bank."

After harveft, partridges often refort, in the day time, to woods or covers, to avoid birds of prey ;-but at night they go into the flubble, and neftle together, to avoid foxes, weafels, \&c. which inhabit the woods.

They feed on corn and other feeds, which they find by fcratching up the earth; they live chiefly on the ground, and make more ufe of their legs than of their wings.

Having related that the hen partridge will fometimes act the part of the male, to preferve her young, we were not a little furprifed at reading the following account of a turkey, in the Daily Advertifer, in the fpring of the year 1798.
"There is now in the poffeflion of Mr. Mundy, of Wick Farm, near Abingdon, a cock turkey, which be-

ing tired of his folitary life, during the confinement of the hens while fitting, feemed defirous to fit himfelf, which he did very clofely on a rotten goofe egg; his mafter, thinking it a pity that fo good a nurfe fhould not be rewarded for his attention, put 13 eggs in a neft, on which he fat three weeks longer, and hatched 12 fine chickens, which, enjoy, if poffible, more attention than ufual."

A brood of partridges, when rifing
from the ground, make fo much noife with their wings, as to alarm men and

frighten beafts.-in Norfolk, where they abound, it is dangerous travelling with a fkittifh horfe in a chaife
 and it is equally dangerous to fuffer pigs to run acrofs the public road.

## The Law of Love.

Blefs'd is the man whofe foft'ning heart
Feels all another's pain,
To whom the fupplicating eye
Was never rais'd in vain :
Whofe breaft expands with gen'rous warmth,
A ftranger's woes to feel;
And bleeds in pity o'er the wound
He wants the pow'r to heal.
He fpreads his kind fupporting arms
To every child of grief;
His fecret bounty largely flows,
And brings unafk'd relief.
To gentle offices of love
His feet are never flow;
He views thro' Mercy's melting eye, A brother in a foe.

Peace from the bofom of our God, My peace to him I give;
And when he kneels before the throne, His trembling foul thall live.

To him protection fhall be fhown, And mercy from above
Defcend on thofe, who thus fulfil
The perfect law of love.

## The Happy Life.

How happy is he, born or taught,
That ferveth not another's will; Whofe armour is his honeft thought, And fimple truth his higheft fkill. Whofe paffions not his mafters are; Whofe foul is ftill prepar'd for death, Not ty'd unto the world with care

Of prince's ear, or vulgar breath.
Who hath his life from rumours freed;
Whofe confcience is his Arong retreat; Whofe ftate can neither flatterers feed,

Nor ruin make oppreffors great.
Who envies none whom chance doth raife,
Or vice; who never underfood How deepeft wounds are giv'n with praife; Nor rules of ftate, but rules of good.

Who God doth late and early pray More of his grace than gifts to lend, And entertains the harmlefs day

With a well-chofen book or friend!
This man is freed from fervile bands
Of hope to rife, or fear to fall; Lord of himfelf, though not of lands;

And having nothing, yet hath all!


This print reprefents Philip Thicknefs, Efq. as ${ }^{\circ}$ he travelled through part of France and Spain.-"My " monkey, fays he, with a pair of French boots on, rode pofillion upon my horfe fome hours every day. Such a fight, brought forth old and young, fick and lame, to look at him and his mafter-they came to look and to laugh, but not to deride or infult."


Anecdotes of Tame and Wild SWINE.
As a pig was grazing on Hampftead Heath, a rude boy fet his dog to bite it; the little grunter ran for protection to a cow, which was grazing on the heath; the cow ufed her horns againft the attacks of the dog, whilft the pig kept between the cow's legs. At length, tired with repeated attacks, the boy and dog left the cow and pig. Could the little grunter have fpoken
in the language of men, what grateful words might have been heard, from a fenfe of the favours received! however it grunted a little, as it ran towards its mafter's ftable, and what was wanting in words, we faw plainly in actions; for it prefently returned to the heath with a mouthful of hay, and laid it before the cow for her to eat! This it did repeatedly, for fome time, to the admiration of feveral reputable perfons." Yet, writers of eminence fay the hog is naturally ftupid and ufelefs through life ; they have compared it to a mifer, whofe hoarded treafures are of little value till death has removed the owner: but as all men are not of the fame agreeable difpofition, fo neither are pigs equally tractable; for fome pigs have evinced fo teachable a difpofition, that children might take a ufeful leffon from their conduct; even little pigs run at the grunting of their mother; and we have been told that
herds of fwine, in America, upon hearing the found of a bell, or the blowing of a horn, or conch fhell, return from the woods to their mafter's farm, where they remain during the night in fafety. When hogs are compared with monkeys or men, they may appear ftupid, but feveral of them have been taught to read, and, in appearance, to fpell better than fome little boys could, who were feveral years older. One pig was fhewn in London, that was taught to fpell the name of any perfon or place; feveral alphabets, in fingle letters, being placed before him, he pointed out the letters with his fnout, and placed them in order, to make out the words required. This pig, in being taught, muft have fuffered great pain, if not fome cruelties: for little boys have obftinate tempers, fome have been beaten, others have had their hair pulled, or ears pinched, to make them mind their fpelling: how difficult then muft it be to teach a

pig to converfe with men.-We rather fufpect fome harfh methods muft have been ufed by the teacher of the learned pig, and on that account it appears improper to encourage fuch fhows.

Although the pigs we have been fpeaking of acted well, we fhould remember that pigs are fwine, and not all of a temper: nor are the fame hogs equally kind at all times.-A fow that was looked upon as very

harmlefs, for fome time fuffering the children of a cottage frequently to ftroke her, and get upon her back, with only grunting a little louder than ufual, was vifited by the daughter of a cottager at Wanfcomb, in Kent, who in attempting to take away one of the young pigs, received from the fow fo fevere a bite, as to lofe her arm! and the public newfpapers added, " that the girl, who was not more that feven years of age, fell
into the fty, and would probably have lof her life, but for the timely affiftance of a neighbour."

Hogs are found in great abundance in fome parts of China, and in many of the northern countries of Europe, in a wild ftate.

All animals may be termed wild, which live at large, and not under the care of man; thofe of the hog kind, which remain in this ftate, live together while young, in families, and unite their ftrength againft the wolves or other beafts of prey, and when in danger they call to each other with a loud and piercing cry; the ftrongeft face the danger, and form themfelves into a ring; when thus united, few beafts venture to engage them.

The flefh of hogs, called pork, is beft in hot countries; and a pig with green peas, is a common dinner in the Weft Indies; yet the Mahometan religion has profcribed this wholefome
food from the greateft part of the Eaft Indies; but in China, and thofe parts of the eaft that do not acknowledge the Mahometan law, their pork is finer than in moft other parts of the world, and it makes a principal part of the food of that extenfive region.

In Europe, Weftphalia and Yorkfhire hams are accounted the beft.

Moft animals love their young, and it is not fafe for children to take pigs from fows, puppies from their mothers, kittens from cats, or goflings from geefe.

At a farm near Daggenham, in Effex, fome children on a vifit to the farmer, were much pleafed with the fight of a brood of gollings; one little boy ran fo clofe to them, that the goofe and gander flew at him with their mouths open and ftriking with their wings; his father, fearing they might fly at his face, and hurt his eyes, ran to take him away; but not without receiving

fo fevere a blow on his fhin from the pinion of the gander, as to cut the flefh off the bone, caufe great pain, and was a long time in getting well.

Hunting the wild boar is a very dangerous amufement, though common in Germany, Ruffia, Poland, and other countries in Europe, Afia, and Africa; for the hog was not known in America, till introduced by the Spaniards. When the boar is

rouled by the hunters, he moves flowly, and feems but little afraid of his purfuers; he frequently turns round to attack the dogs, when, keeping each other at bay for a time, he again goes forward, and the dogs renew the purfuit. Thus the chafe continues, till the boar is tired, and refufes to go any further: the dogs then attempt to clofe in upon him from behind, and as the young ones are often molt forward, they generally lofe their lives;
but at laf the hunters kill him with fpears.

> Of Mills, \&c.

In the rude flate of fociety, when men lived in tents, and abode in the fields, they had no need of mills to grind their com; bread was unknown to them; the fruits of the earth and the beafts of the foreft fupplied them with: food, and but little art was ufed to prepare it. A mefs of pottage, flewed with venifon, was a favoury difh, and mult have been in great efteem; for to obtain fuch a mefs, Efau fold his birth-right to Jacob.

As mankind increafed in numbers, inventions were brought about by neceffity; and no doubt early attempts were made to preferve corn, and to prepare it for food, before mills were
ufed, or ovens contrived. Mills, it is faid, were firf invented by Myla, fon of the firft king of Sparta, and perhaps named after their inventor. Simple, indeed, mult have been the firft conftructed; -and, for many years, they were worked by hand.

The Romans had their mills worked by flaves and affes: it does not appear that water-mills were known to them. Wind-mills are of much more modern invention; the firft model of thefe was brought from Afia into Europe, in the time of thofe wars called holy!

Corn is now ground between two mill-fones placed one above the other; the furface or face of which, as now ufed, is perfectly level, except within a few inches of the eye or centre, which is left a little hollow to receive the corn. The faces of the flones are


Puklisked December 30 11803. by WM Darcen and Tos. Harvey, London.

repeatedly fcratched with a mill-bill, to renew the neceffary roughnefs for cutting the grain; there are alfo furrows cut from the eye of the flones to the fkirts, in order to carry the meal forward as it becomes ground; the meal is then paffed though a cylinder covered with wire* of different finenefs, within which a fet of brufhes

* Bolting-cloths are now generally laid afide, as wire anfwers better.
is turned with great velocity, which feparates the flour of different qualities from the pollard and bran.

The tones of a modern flour mill are carried round at the rate of 120 times in a minute.

Women were formerly employed to grind at a mill; but we may reafonably fuppofe it was not a large one, and that they worked at it but occafionally; it was good exercife, tending to promote their health; but above all, it tended to the comfort of their families. To their frugality and induftry, the women of the prefent day are faid to have received the appellation of Lady; from two Saxon words, leaf and dian, the former meaning a loaf, and the latter ferve,--and thus leaf-dian is a bread-ferver: for the wives and daughters of our anceftors took a delight in making and
baking cakes of bread, and having the privilege of ferving their families and guefts at table, which was not the cuftom in other countries. They alfo had the pleafure of diftributing bread to their poor neighbours, and they were named Ladies of the Houfe, Ladies of the Manor, \&c. according to their fituations.

Little boys are often very curious obfervers of mill-work;-and fhould any one ever defire to fee the infide of a mill, let him be carefub of the wheels: for want for this fome have lof their lives;-and one man had his arm drawn from his body, by the works of a mill, though he was favoured to live many years afterwards. This happened in the year 1777, his name was Samuel Wood, he was cured in Thomas's Hofpital, London.


At a village in Effex, not far from Rumford, fome children were playing near a windmill; to fee the fails go round looked very pleafing, but one little boy going to examine them more clofely than he fhould have done, was ftruck by one of the fails, which carried him to a confiderable diftance, and, when found, he was lifelefs.

## THE PAPER KITE.

ONCE on a time, a paper kite Was mounted to a wond'rous height, Where, giddy with its e!evation,
It thus exprefs'd felf admiration.

- See how yon crowds of gazing people,
- Admire my flight above the fleeple!
- How would they wonder, if they knew

6 All that a kite like me can do!
6 Were I but free, I'd take a flight,

- And pierce the clouds beyond their fight;

6 But oh! like a poor pris'ner bound,

- My fring confines me to the ground.

6 I'd brave the eagle's tow'ring wing,
6 Might I but fly without a ftring.'
It tugg'd and pull'd, (while thus it fpoke)
To break the ftring,-at laft it broke.
Depriv'd at once of all its ftay,
In vain it frove to foar away:
Unable its own weight to bear,
It flutter'd downward thro' the air;

Unable its own courfe to guide, The winds foon plung'd it in the tide. Ah! foolifh kite, thou hadft no wing, How could'ft thou fly without a ftring? My heart réply'd, O Lord, I fee
How much this kite refembles me;
Forgetful how by thee I fand,
Impatient of thy ruling hand,
How oft my foolifh heart inclines,
T' oppofe that lot which heav'n affigns.
How oft indulg'd a vain defire,
For fomething more or fomething higher;
And, but for grace and love divine,
A fall more dreadful had been mine.

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