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'Every wise woman buildeth her house, but the foolish  
plucketh it down with her hands.'—SOLOMON.

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It is not easy to form rules, or even to suggest principles of practice, in such a manner as shall render them applicable to individuals of every class; and it will be obvious, upon a perusal of this little Work, that no attempt of the kind has here been made. Females in the middle ranks of society, in those especially which include numerous occupations and confined circumstances, are more immediately addressed: and to them many of the following observations assume to be of essential importance: but, at the same time, a hope is indulged, that readers of a different description may gain an occa-

sional hint, by which their conduct in domestic life may be improved.

The parties more expressly in view are exempt (perhaps happily) from that notoriety and distinction by which the family arrangements of such as move in the upper walks of life are too frequently disturbed; yet they occupy a station of sufficient eminence to render their conduct highly important to society. If it does not necessarily expose them to dissipation, much less does it degrade them into vulgarity or insignificance, as the degree of intellectual cultivation to be found among them evinces; for it is not every citizen in our days who is a *John Gilpin*; nor is every farmer a rustic. And although the influence of good example in the middle ranks can



be but small upon those which are more elevated; yet it descends like a kindly shower upon such as are beneath them, and gives fertility to many a spot which would otherwise have remained sterile and unsightly; so that, (to adopt the expressive language of inspiration,) instead of the briar, comes up the myrtle; and the wilderness blossoms as the rose.

By appropriate hints to increase the respectability of this numerous class, is a design, therefore, which immediately, or remotely, affects so large a proportion of the community, that it might discourage the attempt of an humble individual. But if to promote domestic virtue, and preserve the happiness of the fireside, is an effectual, as well as a simple means of increasing national prosperity; how

many are there, who have hitherto deemed themselves incompetent, whose efforts might thus contribute to the public weal!

If this were not the case, and if effects the most beneficial were not often produced by very humble means, the present attempt had never been made by

THE AUTHOR.

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