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BY THE AUTHORESS OF "SEBELLA,"
"A TALE OF VENICE," &c.

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1839.

TO MY THREE NIECES.

My dear Children,

*I have written a little Book
for you; and if in its pages you find
intelligence on any subject to which you
have hitherto been strangers, neither your
time in reading, nor mine in writing it,
will have been thrown away.*

Your affectionate Aunt,

Charlotte Jennings.

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THE
HUMBLE COMPANION.

“WHAT did you mean this morning, mamma?” said little Agnes Morden, as they took their evening’s walk, “when my brother told us that young Lord St. Cleave had passed without taking any notice of him, as he used to do; you said, mamma, that a great person may injure an inferior more by taking too much notice of him, than he possibly could do by taking too little.” “Why, my love,” said Mrs. Morden, “I will tell you a tale, which will show you what I mean better than I can explain in any other way; it is about a little girl, who was chosen companion by a superior.”

Lady Margaret Felburgh was the only child of the Earl and Countess Deehurst, who, having a beautiful seat in Scotland, resorted thither for the summer months. "How very dull I am, mamma," said Lady Margaret, the day after their arrival, "now I have left all my cousins in London, I have no one to play with me; yesterday evening Madam Tanto and I walked to the Park Farm to see the peacocks, and Mrs. Douglas has such a very nice daughter, such a very pretty girl, I wish I may have her to play with me." The Countess, who did not like to be teased about anything, said, "Well, if Madam think proper, you may have her now and then."

The situation of governess is a desperately dull one in most families, but always in high ones; Madam, therefore, did think it proper, for this was a good excuse to go frequently for