MAN AND WOMAN.

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God gave the man the titles of chief, of governor and defender of the family. It was in order to enable him to render his family happy, both by the product of his labour and the activity of his protection, that He has given him a tall, proper shape, a majestic countenance, a robust constitution, and a vivacity that cannot endure being idle. It is for the same reason that the amusements of his hands and eyes require unceasing care. When manhood has matured his desires, and conveyed order into his ideas he assumes a sedate look. But pray take note of him in his amusements. When he brings home an object, I will warrant him, if he is not even already about the execution of it. He must needs be active without; he will look after every thing, see what passes, and how everyone behaves about him; and is resolved to pre-serve, and then a use in his rag gave a man.

He sometimes repairs the disorders of seasons, and sometimes remedies the decay of his buildings. If he happens to interrupt his work, many turns, the most seden-tary are seldom to his liking. He will prefer running or courting, playing at quoits or tennis, hunting or fishing. His pleasures are so many exercises. Nothing but action can strengthen and make him alive. He resembles those vigorous plants that perish in the shade and never thrive but in the open air. All his inclinations and his whole character, by their keeping him in this wholesome state of agility, enable him to make his estate and his family prosper, either by the means of lawful defence or the perseverance of a profitable labour.—From the French, 1748.

WOMAN.

Although woman, by character, is a creature of a rational nature, a right to the domain of the earth equal to that of her husband, she is nevertheless second in rank in the family. She is subjected to the care of her husband, but she has not received the same measure of strength and activity. This is a wise precaution of Providence who aimed at confining her within the circle of lesser cares and at making her choose for her portion domestic operations, whilst the husband should watch and be active without doors. It was in order to render her assistance, always lovely to the husband, and her presence ever desirable to the whole family that God has endowed her with graces and a mild disposition. She is obeyed because she pleases and because she is so much loved and esteemed. The husband has a more command-ing tone, but the authority of the wife is neither less beneficial nor less efficacious. Beautitude and tender constitution, which renders the wife naturally fond of retirement and sedentary yet excuse her from none of the hardest labours. She would think herself dishonoured if she were to make of her husband an idol deprived of the use of arms and legs, or an insipid divinity always nestling in her shrine and waiting for the incentive and homage of a father's heart. All the good and bad of the household are dependent on her. The meekness and peace causes to reign all her house over blessings very desirable in themselves, yet she desires above all things, that governed labours of the day shall find rest and happiness at home. She is resolved that he shall always find tranquillity and mirth as well as order in their habitation. She knows no surer means to make him fond of his own home.—From the French, 1748.