Truth is so important, and of so delicate a nature, that every possible precaution DEGREDATION OF. should be employed to exterminate its violation, although the sacrifice be made to duties which supersede its obligation.

Weigh not so much what men say as what they prove; remember that truth is simple and naked, and needs not invective The Most Abject Slaves. to apparel her comeliness.

Sir Philip Sidney.

## TRUTH AND ERROR.

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN.

'Twixt truth and error, there is this diffrence known,

Error is fruitful, truth is only one.

Herrick.

Anon.

# TRUTH AND FICTION.

When fiction rises pleasing to the eye, Men will believe because they love the lie; But truth herself, if clouded with a frown, Must have some solemn proof to pass her Churchill. down.

#### TWILIGHT.

APPROACH OF.

How fine to view the sun's departing ray Fling back a lingering lovely after-day; The moon of summer glides serenely by, sky.

These, sweetly mingling, pour upon the sight

A pencill'd shadowing, and a dewy light-A softened day, a half-unconscious night. Alas! too finely pure on earth to stay, It faintly spots the hill, and dies away.

A BRIDGE.

Nature hath appointed the twilight as a bridge to pass us out of night into day.

# TYRANNY.

THE WORST.

Think'st thou there is no tyranny but that Of blood and chains? The despotism of vice-

The weakness and the wickedness of lux-

The negligence—the apathy—the evils Of sensual sloth-produce ten thousand ty-

Whose delegated cruelty surpasses The worst acts of one energetic master, However harsh and hard in his own bear-Byron.

## TYRANTS.

Tyrants forego all respect for human ty in proportion as they are sunk beneath it; taught to believe themselves of a different species, they really become so, lose their participation with their kind, and in mimicking the god dwindle into the brute.

It is worthy of observation, that the most imperious masters over their own servants, are at the same time, the most abject slaves to the servants of other masters. Seneca.

## UNCERTAINTY.

How happy could I be with either, Were t'other dear charmer away.

John Gay.

INSUPPORTABLENESS OF.

Uncertainty!

Fell demon of our fears! the human soul, That can support despair, supports not thee. Mallet.

## UNDERSTANDING.

BLINDNESS OF THE.

The understanding, that should be eyes to the blind faculty of the will, is blind itself; and so brings all the inconveniences And sheds a light enchantment o'er the that attend a blind follower under the conduct of a blind guide.

THE EYE OF THE.

The eye of the understanding is like the eye of the sense; for as you may see great objects through small crannies or holes, so you may see great axioms of nature through small and contemptible instances. Lord Racon.

IMPROVEMENT OF THE.

The improvement of the understanding is for two ends: first, our own increase of knowledge; secondly, to enable us to deliver and make out that knowledge to others. Locke.

His understanding, at the best, is of the middling size. Swift.

## UNDERSTANDINGS.

AMALGAMATION OF.

He who calls in the aid of any equa. understanding, doubles his own; and he who profits of a superior understanding, raises his powers to a level with the height of the superior understanding he unites with.

# UNHAPPINESS.

'Tis better not to be, than be unhappy. Dryden.

## UNION.

AMONGST MEN.

Men's hearts ought not to be set against one another, but set with one another, and all against the evil thing only. Carlyle.

## IINITY.

CHRISTIAN.

I do not want the walls of separation between different orders of christians to be destroyed, but only lowered, that we may shake hands a little easier over them,

Rowland Hill. right.

# UNIVERSE.

DESIGN OF THE.

It is not a firmer foundation for tranquillity to believe that all things were created, and are ordered for the best, than that the whole universe is mere bungling and blundering; nothing effected for any purpose or design, but all ill-favoredly cobbled and jumbled together by the unguided agitation and rude shuffles of matter. Bentley. PERFECTION OF THE.

without many trials and many failures; deal may thus be accomplished by persewhereas this universe in all its endless com- verance, even in the midst of discourageplication, was perfect at its production, perfected in the ideas of its great Author, even from eternity. Macculloch.

## UNKINDNESS.

CHARACTERISTICS OF. Hard unkindness' alter'd eye, That mocks the tear it forced to flow.

Gray. Sharp-tooth'd unkindness. Shakespeare DEFORMITY OF.

In nature there's no blemish but the mind: None can be call'd deform'd, but the un- KNAVERY OF A.

Virtue is beauty; but the beauteous, evil, Are empty trunks o'erflourish'd by the ditional mood; keeps you in the subjuncdevil.

## UNKNOWN.

Not to know me argues yourselves un-

The lowest of your throng. Milton.

## UNWORTHINESS.

rade wind blows in your face.

Shakespeare.

## UPSTART.

A man, they say, that from very nothing, beyond the imagination of his neighbors, is grown into an unspeakable estate.

Shakespeare.

## URGENCY.

The affair cries,-haste, And speed must answer it. Shakespeare.

Use can almost change the stamp of na-Shakespeare.

Use is the judge, the law and rule of

## USEFULNESS.

OPPORTUNITIES OF.

How often do we sigh for opportunities of doing good, whilst we neglect the openings of Providence in little things, which would frequently lead to the accomplishment of most important usefulness! Dr. Johnson used to say, "He who waits to do a great deal of good at once will never do any." Good is done by degrees. However small in proportion the benefits which fol-Never was a human machine produced low individual attempts to do good, a great

# USURER.

CHARACTERISTICS OF A.

He was a man

Versed in the world as pilot in his compass: The needle pointed ever to that interest Which was his loadstar; and he spread his

With vantage to the gale of others' passions. Ben Jonson.

A money-lender. He serves you in the present tense; he lends you in the con-Pope. tive; and ruins you in the future!

Addison

TEMPER OF A.

Go not to a covetous old man with any request too soon in the morning, before he hath taken in that day's prey; for his covetousness is up before him, and he is in You are not worth the dust which the ill-humour; but stay till the afternoon, till he be satiated upon some borrower.

USURERS' MEN.

Poor rogues, and usurers' men! bawds

## UTILITY.

Crab apples may not be the best kind of fruit; but a tree which every year bears a great crop of crab apples is better worth ou tivating than a tree which bears nothing. BEAUTY IN.

Thou shalt learn The wisdom early to discern True beauty in utility. Longfellow.

## VAGRANTS.

TO BE AVOIDED.

Beware of those who are homeless by choice! You have no hold on a human being whose affections are without a top-root! Southey.

## VALOR.

CHARACTERISTICS OF.

True valor, friends, on virtue founded strong,

Meets all events alike. Mallet.

THE BETTER PART OF.

The better part of valor is discretion; in the which better part I have saved my life. Shakespeare.

PERFECT.

Perfect valour is to do unwitnessed what we should be capable of doing before all La Rochefoucauld. the world.

SPIRIT OF. The truly valiant dare everything but doing anybody an injury.

Sir Philip Sidney.

# VALUE.

What is aught, but as 'tis valued? Shakespeare.

For what is worth in anything, But so much money as't will bring?

## VANITY.

DESCRIPTION OF.

Light vanity, insatiate cormorant, Consuming means, soon preys upon itself. Shakespeare.

DIVESTMENT OF.

because impossible to divest one's self of just to say, as Dean Swift has done, that a

EFFECTS OF.

Vanity is the poison of agreeableness; yet between gold and want! Shakespeare. as poison, when artfully and properly applied, has a salutary effect in medicine, so has vanity in the commerce and society of Grenille.

Vanity is the foundation of the most ridiculous and contemptible vices-the vices of affectation and common lying. Adam Smith.

She neglects her heart who studies her Lavater. glass.

EXTINCTION OF.

Extinguish vanity in the mind, and you naturally retrench the little superflulties of garniture and equipage. The blossoms will fall of themselves, when the root that nourishes them is destroyed.

FULL GROWTH OF.

Vanity is never at its full growth till it spreadeth into affectation, and then it is complete. Saville.

TO BE GUARDED AGAINST. Guard against that vanity which courts a compliment, or is fed by it.

THE FRUIT OF IGNORANCE.

Vanity is the fruit of ignorance. It thrives most in subterranean places, never reached by the air of heaven and the light of the sun. Ross.

INFLAMMABILITY OF.

In a vain man, the smallest spark may kindle into the greatest flame, because the materials are always prepared for it.

INSTRUCTION OF

Vanity bids all her sons be brave, and all her daughters chaste and courteous. But why do we need her instructions? Ask the comedian who is taught a part which he does not feel.

RESTLESSNESS OF.

The most violent passions give some re-Butler. spite, but vanity always disturbs us.

La Rochefoucauld.

WEAKNESS OF.

Every man has just as much vanity as he wants understanding.

## VANITY AND PRIDE.

Pride makes us esteem ourselves; vanity It is difficult to divest one's self of vanity; makes us desire the esteem of others. It is Horace Walpole. man is too proud to be vain.

## VARIETY.

Variety's the very spice of life, That gives it all its flavour.

COUNTLESSNESS OF.

Countless the various species of mankind, Countless the shades which separate mind from mind;

No general object of desire is known,

Each has his will, and each pursues his own. Insinuations of.

A Source of Joy.

Variety's the source of joy below,

From which still fresh revolving pleasures We first endure, then pity, then embrace.

In books and love, the mind one end pur- MARTYRS.

And only change the expiring flame renews.

## VENGEANCE.

BLINDNESS OF.

Vengeance has no foresight. Napoleon I.

## VERBIAGE.

Words, words, mere words, no matter Shakespeare. from the heart.

#### VERBOSITY.

He draweth out the thread of his verbosity finer than the staple of his argument. However fair at first, to wilds of woe.

## VICE.

ARGUMENTS OF.

I hate, when vice can bolt her arguments, And virtue has no tongue to check her pride.

ATTACKING.

It has been, and ever will be lawful to attack vice, if you at the same time spare whom we successively lodge, and if we the individual.

DECEPTIVENESS OF.

Vice can deceive under the guise and shadow of virtue.

EFFECTS OF.

Vice incapacitates a man from all public duty: it withers the powers of his understanding, and makes his mind paralytic.

There are many diversities of vice; but it is one never-failing effect of it, to live displeased and discontented.

END OF. The end of a dissolute life is most commonly a desperate death.

EVILS OF.

Vice repeated like the wanderin gwind, Blows dust in others' eyes. Shakespeare. the beauty of virtue.

FASCINATIONS OF.

Ah, vice! how soft are thy voluptuous ways, Cowper. While boyish blood is mantling, who can 'scape

The fascination of thy magic gaze?

A cherub-hydra round us dost thou gape, And mould to every taste thy dear delusive Buron shape.

Gifford. Vice is a monster of so frightful mien, As to be hated needs but to be seen; Yet seen too oft, familiar with her face,

The martyrs to vice, far exceed the martyrs to virtue, both in endurance and in Gay. number. So blinded are we by our passions, that we suffer more to be damned than to be saved.

PROGRESSIVE.

No man e'er reach'd the heights of vice at

RESULTS OF.

Ah me! from real happiness we stray, By vice bewilder'd; vice, which always

UGLINESS OF.

Vice in its own pure native ugliness. Crabb.

## VICES.

A VOIDING.

We may say, vices wait on us in the course of our life as the landlords with Burton. traveled the road twice over, I doubt if our experience would make us avoid them. La Rochefoucauld.

Juvenal. Corrections of.

We try to make a virtue of vices we are La Rochefoucauld. loth to correct.

We have all our vices, and the best

Is he who with the fewest is opprest. Horace.

THEIR OWN SCOURGE.

Our pleasant vices Are made the whip to scourge us. Shakespear 6.

VICE AND VIRTUE.

In actions of life, who seeth not the filthi-

ness of evil, wanteth a great foil to perceive

Vice stings us even in our pleasures, but Excess of. virtue consoles us, even in our pains.

Colton.

#### VICISSITUDES.

Thus doth the ever-changing course of

Run a perpetual circle, ever turning; And that same day, that highest glory

Brings us unto the point of back-returning. Daniel.

#### EXPOSEDNESS TO.

The most affluent may be stripped of all, and find his worldly comforts like so many withered leaves dropping from him.

## OF THE WORLD.

Such are the vicissitudes of the world, through all its parts, that day and night, labour and rest, hurry and retirement, endear each other. Such are the changes that keep the mind in action; we desire, ful. we pursue, we obtain, we are satiated; we desire something else, and begin a new pursuit.

## VICTORY.

THE SMILE OF GOD.

To do is to succeed-our fight'

Is wag'd in Heaven's approving sight-The smile of God is victory! Whittier.

## VIGILANCE.

The master's eye makes the horse fat.

From the Latin.

## BENEFIT OF.

He is most free from danger, who, even when safe, is on his guard.

## NECESSITY OF.

Chance will not do the work. Chance sends the breeze;

But if the pilot slumber at the helm,

The very wind that wafts us tow'rds the

May dash us on the shoals. The steersman's part

Is vigilance, or blow it rough or smooth.

# Ben Jonson.

## VILLAINY.

DESIGNS OF.

The evil you teach us, we will execute, In every region virtue finds a foe. Milton. and it shall go hard but we will better the instruction. Shakespeare.

EXAMPLE OF.

Why here's a villain,

Able to corrupt a thousand by example.

Massinger.

He hath out-villained villainy so far, that the rarity redeems him. Shakespeare.

#### VIRTUE.

The only amaranthine flow'r on earth Is virtue; th' only lasting treasure, truth

#### ABSENCE OF.

'Tis virtue which they want; and, wanting

Honour no garment to their backs can fit. Ben Jonson.

## ATTRIBUTES OF.

Virtue is not to be considered in the light of mere innocence, or abstaining from harm; but as the exertion of our faculties in doing Bishop Butler.

## BOLDNESS OF.

Virtue is bold and goodness never fear-Shakespeare.

A heart unspotted is not easily daunted.

#### DIGNITY OF.

Were there but one virtuous man in the world, he would hold up his head with confidence and honour; he would shame the world, and not the world him.

# EXCITES ENVY.

A man that hath no virtue in himself, ever envieth virtue in others; for men's minds will either feed upon their own good or upon others' evil: and who wanteth the Syrus. one will prey upon the other.

## ESTIMATION OF.

Virtue, though in rags, may challenge more than vice, set off with all the trim of Massinger.

## EXCELLING IN.

Each must, in virtue, strive for to excel; That man lives twice, who lives the first Herrick. life well.

## FOES OF.

Attend my words, no place but harbours danger:

# FRAGRANCE OF.

Virtue is like precious odours, most fragrant where they are incensed or crushed; for prosperity doth best discover vice, but adversity doth best discover virtue.

## THE GIFT OF HEAVEN.

Virtue, the strength and beauty of the soul, Love Virtue, she alone is free: Is the best gift of heaven: a happiness That even above the smiles and frowns of Higher than the sphery clime;

Exalts great nature's favourites; a wealth That ne'er encumbers, nor can be trans-Armstrong. ferr'd.

## IMMORTALITY OF.

harm.

Virtue sole survives,

Immortal, never-fading friend of man; His guide to happiness on high. Thomson.

IMPREGNABILITY OF. Virtue may be assail'd, but never hurt; Surpris'd by unjust force, and not en-

thrall'd; Yea, even that which mischief meant most

Shall in the happy trial prove most glory; But evil on itself shall back recoil.

INDEPENDENCE OF. Virtue in itself commands its happiness, Of every outward object independent.

# INFLUENCE OF.

All private virtue is the public fund: As that abounds, the State decays, or

thrives: Each should contribute to the general

And who lends most, is most his country's Jephson. friend.

Some, by admiring other men's virtues, become enemies to their own vices.

# Virtue, like fire, turns all things into itself; our actions and our friendships are tinctured with it, and whatever it touches, becomes amiable.

Vice must have variety, while virtue Stands like the sun, and all which rolls around

Buron. aspect.

# INSPIRATION OF.

Virtue, when proved and full Matured, inclines us up to God and heaven warm. By law of sweet compulsion, strong and Pollok. sure.

## JOY OF.

What nothing earthly gives, or can destroy,-

The soul's calm sunshine, and the heartfelt | PRIDE OF. joy,-

Is virtue's prize.

She can teach thee how to climb Or if Virtue feeble were, Heaven itself would stoop to her. Milton.

It is difficult to persuade men that the love of virtue is the love of themselves.

LOVELINESS OF. Virtue may choose the high or low degree, 'Tis just alike to virtue and to me;

Dwell in a monk, or light upon a king, She's still the same beloved contented thing.

## MONUMENTS OF.

Virtue alone out-builds the Pyramids; Her monuments shall last, when Egypt's

#### NATURE OF.

Virtue, according to my idea, is the habitual sense of right, and the habitual courage to act up to that sense of right, combined with benevolent sympathies, the charity which thinketh no evil. The union of the highest conscience and the highest sympathy fulfils my notion of virtue.

Mrs. Jameson

Virtue consisteth of three parts: temper ance, fortitude, and justice.

## NEGATIVE.

Negative virtue is a positive vice, if the means exist of improving it. Zimmerman.

NOBILITY OF.

Virtue alone is true nobility. Stepney.

## POWER OF. Walls of brass resist not

A noble undertaking-nor can vice Raise any bulwark to make good a place Where virtue seeks to enter.

Virtue could see to do what virtue would Drinks life, and light and glory from her By her own radiant light, though sun and

Were in the flat sea sunk. Milton.

Virtue, though in rags, will keep me

# PRACTICE OF.

There is no virtue, the practice of wnich does not rejoice, and give pleasure to a wellconstituted nature.

The generous pride of virtue Pope. Disdains to weigh too nicely the returns, Her bounty meets with; like the liberal | OF THE Young.

Nor stoops to ask reward. Thompson.

## THE PURSUIT OF.

There is but one pursuit in life which it HAPPINESS ATTENDING THE. is in the power of all to follow, and of all to | It is no small happiness to attend those since he that perseveres, makes every diffi- examples of virtue. culty an advancement, and every contest a victory: and this is the pursuit of virtue.

SHOULD BE RECOMPENSED.

Virtue alone ennobles humankind. And power should on her glorious footsteps FALSTAFF. wait.

REWARD OF.

And virtue is her own reward. Prior.

How strange a riddle virtue is! They never miss it, who possess it not; And they who have it ever find a want!

Lord Rochester.

SATISFACTION OF.

A settled virtue,

Makes itself a judge; and satisfied within, Smiles at that common enemy, the world. Dryden.

STEADFASTNESS OF.

Virtue's a solid rock, whereat being aim'd, The keenest darts of envy, yet unhurt, Her marble hero stands, built of such basis, While they recoil and wound the shooter's face.

Only a sweet and virtuous soul, Like seasoned timber, never gives. George Herbert.

SYSTEMS OF.

All systems of virtue are reducible or comprised in propriety, prudence or benevolence. Adam Smith.

NOT UNDERSTOOD. One great reason why virtue is so little

practised, is its being so ill understood.

UTILITY OF.

I would be virtuous for my own sake, though nobody were to know it; as I would be clean for my own sake, though nobody Shaftesbury. were to see me.

WORK OF.

Our life is short, but to expand that span To vast eternity, is virtue's work.

The virtue of young persons consists From her own gracious nature she bestows, chiefly in not doing anything to an excess. Socrates.

#### VIRTUOUS.

attain. It is subject to no disappointments, from whom we may receive precepts and Bishop Hall.

#### VITUPERATION.

DEFINITION OF.

The bitter clamour of two eager tongues. Shakespeare.

VOCATION.

Claudius. Why, Hal, 'tis my vocation.

'Tis no sin for a man to labor in his voca-Ibid. tion.

#### VOICE.

REVEALS THE SOUL.

The intellect of man sits enthroned visibly upon his forehead and in his eye, and the heart of man is written on his countenance. But the soul reveals itself in the Longfellow. voice only.

SOFTNESS OF THE.

Her voice was ever soft,

Gentle, and low; an excellent thing in Shakespeare. woman.

## VULGAR.

UNSUSCEPTIBILITY OF THE.

To endeavour to work upon the vulgar with fine sense, is like attempting to hew Beaumont. blocks with a razor. Pope.

## VULGARITY.

ESSENCE OF.

Vulgarity is setting store by the things which are seen. Lady Morgan.

## WAG.

DESCRIPTION OF A.

A wag is in the last order even of pretenders to wit and humour. He has generally his mind prepared to receive some occasion of merriment, but is of himself too empty to draw any out of his own set of thoughts; and therefore laughs at the next thing he meets, not because it is ridiculous, but because he is under the necessity of laughing. A wag is one that never in his life saw a beautiful object; but sees what he does see in the most low and most incon-Shakespeare. | siderable light it can be placed.

## WAGERS.

I've heard old cunning stagers Say fools for arguments use wagers.

## WANT.

CAUSES OF.

but they are undutiful children, for they land upon the globe. I will clothe every sink wealth down to poverty. Home. INFLUENCE OF.

His wit being snuft by want burnt clear. Killigrew.

RECKLESSNESS OF.

To men

welcome.

## WANTS.

ARTIFICIAL.

and no sooner are we supplied with every thing that nature can demand, than we sit down to contrive artificial appetites.

Johnson.

We are ruined, not by what we really heaven. want, but by what we think we do; therefore never go abroad in search of your wants; if they be real wants, they will come home in search of you; for he that buys what he does not want, will soon want what he cannot buy. Colton.

The fewer our wants the nearer we resemble the gods.

IMAGINARY.

How few are our real wants! and how easy it is to satisfy them! Our imaginary ones are boundless and insatiable.

## WAR.

O war! begot in pride and luxury, The child of malice and revengeful hate; Thou impious good, and good impiety! Thou art the foul refiner of a state, Unjust scourge of men's iniquity, Sharp easer of corruptions desperate! Is there no means but that a sin-sick land Must be let blood with such a boist'rous hand?

CIVIT.

In these distracted times when each man dreads,

The bloody stratagems of busy heads. Otway.

CONTROVERSIES DECIDED BY. Such as do build their faith upon The holy text of pike and gun:

Decide all controversies by Infallible artillery;

And prove their doctrine orthodox, By apostolic blows and knocks. Butler Butler.

Give me the money that has been spent Great wants proceed from great wealth; in war, and I will purchase every foot of man, woman and child in an attire of which kings and queens would be proud. I will build a school house on every hill-side, and in every valley over the whole earth; I will build an academy in every town, and endow it; a college in every State, and fill it Press'd by their wants, all change is ever with able professors; I will crown every Ben Jonson. hill with a place of worship, consecrated to the promulgation of the Gospel of peace; I will support in every pulpit an able teacher of righteousness, so that on every Sabbath Where necessity ends, curiosity begins; morning the chime on one hill should answer to the chime on another round the earth's wide circumference; and the voice of prayer, and the song of praise, should ascend like an universal holocaust to Henry Richard.

DEFINITION.

That mad game the world so loves to

DESCRIBED.

See where the giant on the mountain stands,

His blood red tresses deepening in the sun,

With death shot glowing in his fiery hands And eye that scorches all it glares upon.

Anon. EVIL EFFECTS OF.

War suspends the rules of moral obligation, and what is long suspended is in danger of being totally abrogated. Civil wars strike deepest of all into the manners of the people. They vitiate their politics; they corrupt their morals; they pervert even the natural taste and relish of equity and justice. By teaching us to consider our fellow creatures in an hostile light, the whole body of our nation becomes gradually less dear to us. The very names of affection and kindred, which were the bond of charity whilst we agreed, become new incentives to hatred and rage, when the communion of our country is dissolved.

EVILS OF.

Mad wars destroy in one year the works of many years of peace.