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A Collection Of Poems In Six Volumes. By Several Hands

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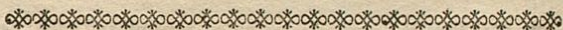
London, 1758

Orthodox Advice. By the Same.

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Look here—I present you this wonderful hose,
 Into which, ev'ry night when you bed with your spouse,
 Thrust both legs; nor pull off the magical fetters,
 Till you rise in the morn about family matters.
 Observe but this rule, which I give you in charge,
 And your stock may diminish, but never enlarge.

Many thanks for your kindness, dear Sir, quoth the *dame*,
 (Here she drop'd him a curt'sie)—if it were not for shame,
 And for fear you shou'd think me too bold, I'd fain beg
 T' other stocking — and so have a hose to each leg :
 For if such rare virtue contain'd is in one,
 How safe shou'd I be, had I both of them on ?



ORTHODOX ADVICE.

By the Same.

QUOTH John to his teacher, good Sir, if you please,
 I wou'd beg your advice in a difficult case ;
 'Tis a weighty concern, that may hold one for life —
 'Tis, in short, the old story of taking a wife.
 There's a pair of young damsels I'm proffer'd to marry,
 And whether to choose puts me in a quandary :
 They're alike in age, family, fortune, and feature,
 Only one has more *grace*, and the other *good-nature*.

As for that, says the teacher, good-nature and love,
 And sweetness of temper are gifts from above,

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