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BOOK II.
Of the PASSIONS.

PART I.
Of Pride and Humility.

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 All the perceptions of the mind may be divided into *impressions* and *ideas*, so the impressions admit of another division into *original* and *secondary*. This division of the impressions is

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 tion arise in the soul, from the constitution
 of the body, from the animal spirits, or
 from the application of objects to the ex-
 ternal organs. Secondary, or reflective im-
 pressions are such as proceed from some of
 these original ones, either immediately or by
 the interposition of its idea. Of the first
 kind are all the impressions of the senses,
 and all bodily pains and pleasures: Of the
 second are the passions, and other emotions
 resembling them.

'TIS certain, that the mind, in its per-
 ceptions, must begin somewhere; and that
 since the impressions precede their corre-
 spondent ideas, there must be some impres-
 sions, which without any introduction make
 their appearance in the soul. As these de-
 pend upon natural and physical causes, the
 examination of them wou'd lead me too
 far from my present subject, into the sci-
 ences of anatomy and natural philosophy.
 For this reason I shall here confine myself
 to those other impressions, which I have

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call'd secondary and reflective, as arising SECT.
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THE reflective impressions may be di-
 vided into two kinds, *viz.* the *calm* and the
violent. Of the first kind is the sense of
 beauty and deformity in action, composition,
 and external objects. Of the second are the
 passions of love and hatred, grief and joy,
 pride and humility. This division is far
 from being exact. The raptures of poetry
 and music frequently rise to the greatest
 height; while those other impressions, pro-
 perly call'd *passions*, may decay into so soft
 an emotion, as to become, in a manner,
 imperceptible. But as in general the pas-
 sions are more violent than the emotions
 arising from beauty and deformity, these im-
 pressions have been commonly distinguish'd
 from each other. The subject of the hu-
 man mind being so copious and various,



PART I shall here take advantage of this vulgar and specious division, that I may proceed with the greater order; and having said all I thought necessary concerning our ideas, shall now explain those violent emotions or passions, their nature, origin, causes, and effects.

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WHEN we take a survey of the passions, there occurs a division of them into *direct* and *indirect*. By direct passions I understand such as arise immediately from good or evil, from pain or pleasure. By indirect such as proceed from the same principles, but by the conjunction of other qualities. This distinction I cannot at present justify or explain any farther. I can only observe in general, that under the indirect passions I comprehend pride, humility, ambition, vanity, love, hatred, envy, pity, malice, generosity, with their dependants. And under the direct passions, desire, aversion, grief, joy, hope, fear, despair and security. I shall begin with the former.

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THE passions of PRIDE and HUMILITY being simple and uniform impressions, 'tis impossible we can ever, by a multitude of words, give a just definition of them, or indeed of any of the passions. The utmost we can pretend to is a description of them, by an enumeration of such circumstances, as attend them: But as these words, *pride* and *humility*, are of general use, and the impressions they represent the most common of any, every one, of himself, will be able to form a just idea of them, without any danger of mistake. For which reason, not to lose time upon preliminaries, I shall immediately enter upon the examination of these passions. SECT. II.

'TIS evident, that pride and humility, tho' directly contrary, have yet the same OBJECT. This object is self, or that succession of related ideas and impressions, of which we have an intimate memory and consciousness. Here the view always fixes when



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I. According as our idea of ourself is more or less advantageous, we feel either of those opposite affections, and are elated by pride, or dejected with humility. Whatever other objects may be comprehended by the mind, they are always consider'd with a view to ourself; otherwise they wou'd never be able either to excite these passions, or produce the smallest encrease or diminution of them. When self enters not into the consideration, there is no room either for pride or humility.

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BUT tho' that connected succession of perceptions, which we call *self*, be always the object of these two passions, 'tis impossible it can be their CAUSE, or be sufficient alone to excite them. For as these passions are directly contrary, and have the same object in common; were their object also their cause; it cou'd never produce any degree of the one passion, but at the same time it must excite an equal degree of the other; which opposition and contrariety must destroy both. 'Tis impossible a man can at the same time be both proud and humble; and where he has different reasons for these passions, as frequently happens, the passions either take place alternately; or if they encounter,

counter, the one annihilates the other, as far as its strength goes, and the remainder only of that, which is superior, continues to operate upon the mind. But in the present case neither of the passions cou'd ever become superior; because supposing it to be the view only of ourself, which excited them, that being perfectly indifferent to either, must produce both in the very same proportion; or in other words, can produce neither. To excite any passion, and at the same time raise an equal share of its antagonist, is immediately to undo what was done, and must leave the mind at last perfectly calm and indifferent.

WE must, therefore, make a distinction betwixt the cause and the object of these passions; betwixt that idea, which excites them, and that to which they direct their view, when excited. Pride and humility, being once rais'd, immediately turn our attention to ourself, and regard that as their ultimate and final object; but there is something farther requisite in order to raise them: Something, which is peculiar to one of the passions, and produces not both in the very same degree. The first idea, that is presented to the mind, is that of the cause or productive principle. This excites the pas-

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PART I. fion, connected with it; and that passion, when excited, turns our view to another idea, which is that of self. Here then is a passion plac'd betwixt two ideas, of which the one produces it, and the other is produc'd by it. The first idea, therefore, represents the *cause*, the second the *object* of the passion.

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To begin with the causes of pride and humility; we may observe, that their most obvious and remarkable property is the vast variety of *subjects*, on which they may be plac'd. Every valuable quality of the mind, whether of the imagination, judgment, memory or disposition; wit, good-sense, learning, courage, justice, integrity; all these are the causes of pride; and their opposites of humility. Nor are these passions confin'd to the mind, but extend their view to the body likewise. A man may be proud of his beauty, strength, agility, good mein, address in dancing, riding, fencing, and of his dexterity in any manual business or manufacture. But this is not all. The passion looking farther, comprehend whatever objects are in the least ally'd or related to us. Our country, family, children, relations, riches, houses, gardens, horses, dogs, cloaths; any of these may become a cause either of pride or of humility.

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FROM the consideration of these causes, SECT. II. it appears necessary we shou'd make a new distinction in the causes of the passion, betwixt that *quality*, which operates, and the *subject*, on which it is plac'd. A man, for instance, is vain of a beautiful house, which belongs to him, or which he has himself built and contriv'd. Here the object of the passion is himself, and the cause is the beautiful house: Which cause again is sub-divided into two parts, *viz.* the quality, which operates upon the passion, and the subject, in which the quality inheres. The quality is the beauty, and the subject is the house, consider'd as his property or contrivance. Both these parts are essential, nor is the distinction vain and chimerical. Beauty, consider'd merely as such, unless plac'd upon something related to us, never produces any pride or vanity; and the strongest relation alone, without beauty, or something else in its place, has as little influence on that passion. Since, therefore, these two particulars are easily separated, and there is a necessity for their conjunction, in order to produce the passion, we ought to consider them as component parts of the cause; and infix in our minds an exact idea of this distinction.

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BEING so far advanc'd as to observe a difference betwixt the *object* of the passions and their *cause*, and to distinguish in the cause the *quality*, which operates on the passions, from the *subject*, in which it inheres; we now proceed to examine what determines each of them to be what it is, and assigns such a particular object, and quality, and subject to these affections. By this means we shall fully understand the origin of pride and humility.

'TIS evident in the first place, that these passions are determin'd to have self for their *object*, not only by a natural but also by an original property. No one can doubt but this property is *natural* from the constancy and steadiness of its operations. 'Tis always self, which is the object of pride and humility; and whenever the passions look beyond, 'tis still with a view to ourselves, nor can any person or object otherwise have any influence upon us.

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THAT this proceeds from an *original* SECT.
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 pear evident, if we consider that 'tis the Whence
 distinguishing characteristic of these passions. these ob-
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 lities to the mind, it cou'd never have any causes are
 secondary ones; because in that case it wou'd deriv'd.
 have no foundation for action, nor cou'd
 ever begin to exert itself. Now these qua-
 lities, which we must consider as original,
 are such as are most inseparable from the soul,
 and can be resolv'd into no other: And
 such is the quality, which determines the
 object of pride and humility.

WE may, perhaps, make it a greater
 question, whether the *causes*, that produce
 the passion, be as *natural* as the object, to
 which it is directed, and whether all that
 vast variety proceeds from caprice or from
 the constitution of the mind. This doubt
 we shall soon remove, if we cast our eye upon
 human nature, and consider that in all nations
 and ages, the same objects still give rise to
 pride and humility; and that upon the view
 even of a stranger, we can know pretty
 nearly, what will either encrease or dimi-
 nish his passions of this kind. If there
 be any variation in this particular, it pro-
 ceeds from nothing but a difference in the
 tempers

PART tempers and complexions of men; and is
 I. besides very inconsiderable. Can we ima-
 gine it possible, that while human nature
 remains the same, men will ever become
 entirely indifferent to their power, riches,
 beauty or personal merit, and that their
 pride and vanity will not be affected by
 these advantages?

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BUT tho' the causes of pride and humi-
 lity be plainly *natural*, we shall find upon
 examination, that they are not *original*,
 and that 'tis utterly impossible they shou'd
 each of them be adapted to these passions
 by a particular provision, and primary con-
 stitution of nature. Beside their prodigious
 number, many of them are the effects of
 art, and arise partly from the industry,
 partly from the caprice, and partly from the
 good fortune of men. Industry produces
 houses, furniture, cloaths. Caprice deter-
 mines their particular kinds and qualities.
 And good fortune frequently contributes to
 all this, by discovering the effects that re-
 sult from the different mixtures and com-
 binations of bodies. 'Tis absurd, therefore,
 to imagine, that each of these was foreseen
 and provided for by nature, and that every
 new production of art, which causes pride
 or humility; instead of adapting itself to
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the passion by partaking of some general quality, that naturally operates on the mind; is itself the object of an original principle, which till then lay conceal'd in the soul, and is only by accident at last brought to light. Thus the first mechanic, that invented a fine scitoure, produc'd pride in him, who became possess'd of it, by principles different from those, which made him proud of handsome chairs and tables. As this appears evidently ridiculous, we must conclude, that each cause of pride and humility is not adapted to the passions by a distinct original quality; but that there are some one or more circumstances common to all of them, on which their efficacy depends.

BESIDES, we find in the course of nature, that tho' the effects be many, the principles, from which they arise, are commonly but few and simple, and that 'tis the sign of an unskilful naturalist to have recourse to a different quality, in order to explain every different operation. How much more must this be true with regard to the human mind, which being so confin'd a subject may justly be thought incapable of containing such a monstrous heap of principles, as wou'd be necessary to excite the passions of pride and humility, were each distinct cause

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HERE, therefore, moral philosophy is
 in the same condition as natural, with re-
 gard to astronomy before the time of *Co-
 pernicus*. The antients, tho' sensible of that
 maxim, *that nature does nothing in vain*,
 contriv'd such intricate systems of the hea-
 vens, as seem'd inconsistent with true phi-
 losophy, and gave place at last to something
 more simple and natural. To invent with-
 out scruple a new principle to every new
 phenomenon, instead of adapting it to the
 old; to overload our hypotheses with a va-
 riety of this kind; are certain proofs, that
 none of these principles is the just one, and
 that we only desire, by a number of false-
 hoods, to cover our ignorance of the truth.

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SECT. VI. **T**HUS we have establish'd two truths
 without any obstacle or difficulty,
 that 'tis from natural principles this va-
 riety of causes excite pride and humility,
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and that 'tis not by a different principle each
different cause is adapted to its passion. We shall now proceed to enquire how we may reduce these principles to a lesser number, and find among the causes something common, on which their influence depends.

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IN order to this we must reflect on certain properties of human nature, which tho' they have a mighty influence on every operation both of the understanding and passions, are not commonly much insisted on by philosophers. The *first* of these is the association of ideas, which I have so often observ'd and explain'd. 'Tis impossible for the mind to fix itself steadily upon one idea for any considerable time; nor can it by its utmost efforts ever arrive at such a constancy. But however changeable our thoughts may be, they are not entirely without rule and method in their changes. The rule, by which they proceed, is to pass from one object to what is resembling, contiguous to, or produc'd by it. When one idea is present to the imagination, any other, united by these relations, naturally follows it, and enters with more facility by means of that introduction.

THE *second* property I shall observe in the human mind is a like association of impressions.



PART preffions. All resembling impressions are

I. connected together, and no sooner one arises
 than the rest immediately follow. Grief
 and disappointment give rise to anger, anger
 to envy, envy to malice, and malice to
 grief again, till the whole circle be completed.
 In like manner our temper, when elevated with joy, naturally throws itself into love, generosity, pity, courage, pride, and the other resembling affections. 'Tis difficult for the mind, when actuated by any passion, to confine itself to that passion alone, without any change or variation. Human nature is too inconstant to admit of any such regularity. Changeableness is essential to it. And to what can it so naturally change as to affections or emotions, which are suitable to the temper, and agree with that set of passions, which then prevail? 'Tis evident, then, there is an attraction or association among impressions, as well as among ideas; tho' with this remarkable difference, that ideas are associated by resemblance, contiguity, and causation; and impressions only by resemblance.

IN the *third* place, 'tis observable of these two kinds of association, that they very much assist and forward each other, and that the transition is more easily made where they

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they both concur in the same object. Thus a man, who, by any injury from another, is very much discompos'd and ruffled in his temper, is apt to find a hundred subjects of discontent, impatience, fear, and other uneasy passions; especially if he can discover these subjects in or near the person, who was the cause of his first passion. Those principles, which forward the transition of ideas, here concur with those, which operate on the passions; and both uniting in one action, bestow on the mind a double impulse. The new passion, therefore, must arise with so much greater violence, and the transition to it must be render'd so much more easy and natural.

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UPON this occasion I may cite the authority of an elegant writer, who expresses himself in the following manner. "As the fancy delights in every thing that is great, strange, or beautiful, and is still more pleas'd the more it finds of these perfections in the *same* object, so it is capable of receiving a new satisfaction by the assistance of another sense. Thus any continu'd sound, as the music of birds, or a fall of waters, awakens every moment the mind of the beholder, and makes him more attentive to the several

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PART “ beauties of the place, that lie before
 I. “ him. Thus if there arises a fragrancy of
 “ smells or perfumes, they heighten the
 “ pleasure of the imagination, and make
 “ even the colours and verdure of the land-
 “ scape appear more agreeable; for the ideas
 “ of both senses recommend each other,
 “ and are pleasanter together than when
 “ they enter the mind separately: As the
 “ different colours of a picture, when they
 “ are well disposed, set off one another,
 “ and receive an additional beauty from the
 “ advantage of the situation.” In this phænomenon we may remark the association both of impressions and ideas, as well as the mutual assistance they lend each other.

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S E C T. V. **T**H E S E principles being establish'd on unquestionable experience, I begin to consider how we shall apply them, by revolving over all the causes of pride and humility, whether these causes be regarded, as the qualities, that operate, or as the subjects, on which the qualities are plac'd. In
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examining these *qualities* I immediately find many of them to concur in producing the sensation of pain and pleasure, independent of those affections, which I here endeavour to explain. Thus the beauty of our person, of itself, and by its very appearance, gives pleasure, as well as pride; and its deformity, pain as well as humility. A magnificent feast delights us, and a sordid one displeases. What I discover to be true in some instances, I *suppose* to be so in all; and take it for granted at present, without any farther proof, that every cause of pride, by its peculiar qualities, produces a separate pleasure, and of humility a separate uneasiness.

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AGAIN, in considering the *subjects*, to which these qualities adhere, I make a new *supposition*, which also appears probable from many obvious instances, *viz.* that these subjects are either parts of ourselves, or something nearly related to us. Thus the good and bad qualities of our actions and manners constitute virtue and vice, and determine our personal character, than which nothing operates more strongly on these passions. In like manner, 'tis the beauty or deformity of our person, houses, equipage, or furniture, by which we are render'd either

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PART I. *Of pride and humility.* vain or humble. The same qualities, when transfer'd to subjects, which bear us no relation, influence not in the smallest degree either of these affections.

HAVING thus in a manner suppos'd two properties of the causes of these affections, *viz.* that the *qualities* produce a separate pain or pleasure, and that the *subjects*, on which the qualities are plac'd, are related to self; I proceed to examine the passions themselves, in order to find something in them, correspondent to the suppos'd properties of their causes. *First*, I find, that the peculiar object of pride and humility is determin'd by an original and natural instinct, and that 'tis absolutely impossible, from the primary constitution of the mind, that these passions shou'd ever look beyond self, or that individual person, of whose actions and sentiments each of us is intimately conscious. Here at last the view always rests, when we are actuated by either of these passions; nor can we, in that situation of mind, ever lose sight of this object. For this I pretend not to give any reason; but consider such a peculiar direction of the thought as an original quality.

THE *second* quality, which I discover in these passions, and which I likewise consider as

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an original quality, is their sensations, or the peculiar emotions they excite in the soul, and which constitute their very being and essence. Thus pride is a pleasant sensation, and humility a painful; and upon the removal of the pleasure and pain, there is in reality no pride nor humility. Of this our very feeling convinces us; and beyond our feeling, 'tis here in vain to reason or dispute.

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IF I compare, therefore, these two *establis'd* properties of the passions, *viz.* their object, which is self, and their sensation, which is either pleasant or painful, to the two *suppos'd* properties of the causes, *viz.* their relation to self, and their tendency to produce a pain or pleasure, independent of the passion; I immediately find, that taking these suppositions to be just, the true system breaks in upon me with an irresistible evidence. That cause, which excites the passion, is related to the object, which nature has attributed to the passion; the sensation, which the cause separately produces, is related to the sensation of the passion: From this double relation of ideas and impressions, the passion is deriv'd. The one idea is easily converted into its cor-relative; and the one impression into that, which re-



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THAT we may comprehend this the better, we must suppose, that nature has given to the organs of the human mind, a certain disposition fitted to produce a peculiar impression or emotion, which we call *pride*: To this emotion she has assign'd a certain idea, *viz.* that of *self*, which it never fails to produce. This contrivance of nature is easily conceiv'd. We have many instances of such a situation of affairs. The nerves of the nose and palate are so dispos'd, as in certain circumstances to convey such peculiar sensations to the mind: The sensations of lust and hunger always produce in us the idea of those peculiar objects, which are suitable to each appetite. These two circumstances are united in pride. The organs are so dispos'd as to produce the passion; and the passion, after its production, naturally produces a certain idea. All this needs no proof. 'Tis evident we never shou'd be possess'd of that passion, were there not a disposition of mind proper for it; and 'tis



as evident, that the passion always turns our view to ourselves, and makes us think of our own qualities and circumstances.

THIS being fully comprehended, it may now be ask'd, *Whether nature produces the passion immediately, of herself; or whether she must be assisted by the co-operation of other causes?* For 'tis observable, that in this particular her conduct is different in the different passions and sensations. The palate must be excited by an external object, in order to produce any relish: But hunger arises internally, without the concurrence of any external object. But however the case may stand with other passions and impressions, 'tis certain, that pride requires the assistance of some foreign object, and that the organs, which produce it, exert not themselves like the heart and arteries, by an original internal movement. For *first*, daily experience convinces us, that pride requires certain causes to excite it, and languishes when unsupported by some excellency in the character, in bodily accomplishments, in cloaths, equipage or fortune. *Secondly*, 'tis evident pride wou'd be perpetual, if it arose immediately from nature; since the object is always the same, and there is no disposition of body peculiar to pride, as there

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PART is to thirst and hunger. *Thirdly*, Humility is in the very same situation with pride; and therefore, either must, upon this supposition, be perpetual likewise, or must destroy the contrary passion from the very first moment; so that none of them cou'd ever make its appearance. Upon the whole, we may rest satisfi'd with the foregoing conclusion, that pride must have a cause, as well as an object, and that the one has no influence without the other.

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THE difficulty, then, is only to discover this cause, and find what it is that gives the first motion to pride, and sets those organs in action, which are naturally fitted to produce that emotion. Upon my consulting experience, in order to resolve this difficulty, I immediately find a hundred different causes, that produce pride; and upon examining these causes, I suppose, what at first I perceive to be probable, that all of them concur in two circumstances; which are, that of themselves they produce an impression, ally'd to the passion, and are plac'd on a subject, ally'd to the object of the passion. When I consider after this the nature of *relation*, and its effects both on the passions and ideas, I can no longer doubt, upon these suppositions,

tions, that 'tis the very principle, which gives rise to pride, and bestows motion on those organs, which being naturally dispos'd to produce that affection, require only a first impulse or beginning to their action. Any thing, that gives a pleasant sensation, and is related to self, excites the passion of pride, which is also agreeable, and has self for its object.

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WHAT I have said of pride is equally true of humility. The sensation of humility is uneasy, as that of pride is agreeable; for which reason the separate sensation, arising from the causes, must be revers'd, while the relation to self continues the same. Tho' pride and humility are directly contrary in their effects, and in their sensations, they have notwithstanding the same object; so that 'tis requisite only to change the relation of impressions, without making any change upon that of ideas. Accordingly we find, that a beautiful house, belonging to ourselves, produces pride; and that the same house, still belonging to ourselves, produces humility, when by any accident its beauty is chang'd into deformity, and thereby the sensation of pleasure, which corresponded to pride, is transform'd into pain, which is related to humility. The double relation between

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IN a word, nature has bestow'd a kind of attraction on certain impressions and ideas, by which one of them, upon its appearance, naturally introduces its correlative. If these two attractions or associations of impressions and ideas concur on the same object, they mutually assist each other, and the transition of the affections and of the imagination is made with the greatest ease and facility. When an idea produces an impression, related to an impression, which is connected with an idea, related to the first idea, these two impressions must be in a manner inseparable, nor will the one in any case be unattended with the other. 'Tis after this manner, that the particular causes of pride and humility are determin'd. The quality, which operates on the passion, produces separately an impression resembling it; the subject, to which the quality adheres, is related to self, the object of the passion: No wonder the whole cause, consisting of a quality and of a subject, does so unavoidably give rise to the passion.

To illustrate this hypothesis, we may compare it to that, by which I have already explain'd



plain'd the belief attending the judgments, which we form from causation. I have observ'd, that in all judgments of this kind, there is always a present impressi^on, and a related idea; and that the present impressi^on gives a vivacity to the fancy, and the relation conveys this vivacity, by an easy transiti^on, to the related idea. Without the present impressi^on, the attention is not fix'd, nor the spirits excited. Without the relation, this attention rests on its first object, and has no farther consequence. There is evidently a great analogy betwixt that hypothesis, and our present one of an impressi^on and idea, that transfuse themselves into another impressi^on and idea by means of their double relation: Which analogy must be allow'd to be no despicable proof of both hypotheses.

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BUT before we proceed farther in this subject, and examine particularly all the causes of pride and humility, 'twill be proper to make some limitations to the general system, *that all agreeable objects, related to ourselves, by an association of ideas*

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I. *able ones, humility: And these limitations*
 are deriv'd from the very nature of the
 subject.

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I. SUPPOSE an agreeable object to acquire a relation to self, the first passion, that appears on this occasion, is joy; and this passion discovers itself upon a slighter relation than pride and vain-glory. We may feel joy upon being present at a feast, where our senses are regal'd with delicacies of every kind: But 'tis only the master of the feast, who, beside the same joy, has the additional passion of self-applause and vanity. 'Tis true, men sometimes boast of a great entertainment, at which they have only been present; and by so small a relation convert their pleasure into pride: But however, this must in general be own'd, that joy arises from a more inconsiderable relation than vanity, and that many things, which are too foreign to produce pride, are yet able to give us a delight and pleasure. The reason of the difference may be explain'd thus. A relation is requisite to joy, in order to approach the object to us, and make it give us any satisfaction. But beside this, which is common to both passions, 'tis requisite to pride, in order to produce a transition
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from one passion to another, and convert the satisfaction into vanity. As it has a double task to perform, it must be endow'd with double force and energy. To which we may add, that where agreeable objects bear not a very close relation to ourselves, they commonly do to some other person; and this latter relation not only excels, but even diminishes, and sometimes destroys the former, as we shall see afterwards*.

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HERE then is the first limitation, we must make to our general position, *that every thing related to us, which produces pleasure or pain, produces likewise pride or humility.* There is not only a relation requir'd, but a close one, and a closer than is requir'd to joy.

II. THE second limitation is, that the agreeable or disagreeable object be not only closely related, but also peculiar to ourselves, or at least common to us with a few persons. 'Tis a quality observable in human nature, and which we shall endeavour to explain afterwards, that every thing, which is often presented, and to which we have been long accusom'd, loses its value in our eyes, and is in a little time despis'd and neglected. We likewise judge of objects more from

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PART I. comparifon than from their real and intrinsic merit; and where we cannot by fome contrast enhance their value, we are apt to overlook even what is essentially good in them. These qualities of the mind have an effect upon joy as well as pride; and 'tis remarkable, that goods, which are common to all mankind, and have become familiar to us by custom, give us little fatisfaction; tho' perhaps of a more excellent kind, than thofe on which, for their fingularity, we fet a much higher value. But tho' this circumftance operates on both thefe paffions, it has a much greater influence on vanity. We are rejoic'd for many goods, which, on account of their frequency, give us on pride. Health, when it returns after a long abfence, affords us a very fenfible fatisfaction; but is feldom regarded as a fubject of vanity, becaufe 'tis fhar'd with fuch vaft numbers.

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THE reason, why pride is fo much more delicate in this particular than joy, I take to be, as follows. In order to excite pride, there are always two objects we muft contemplate, *viz.* the *caufe* or that object which produces pleafure; and felf, which is the real object of the paffion. But joy has only one object neceffary to its production, *viz.* that which gives pleafure; and tho' it be requi-
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sute, that this bear some relation to self, SECT.
 yet that is only requisite in order to render VI.
 it agreeable; nor is self, properly speaking, Limitati-
 the object of this passion. Since, therefore, ons of this
 pride has in a manner two objects, to which system.
 it directs our view; it follows, that where
 neither of them have any singularity, the
 passion must be more weaken'd upon that
 account, than a passion, which has only one
 object. Upon comparing ourselves with o-
 thers, as we are every moment apt to do,
 we find we are not in the least distinguish'd;
 and upon comparing the object we possess,
 we discover still the same unlucky circum-
 stance. By two comparisons so disadvan-
 tageous the passion must be entirely de-
 stroy'd.

III. THE third limitation is, that the
 pleasant or painful object be very discernible
 and obvious, and that not only to ourselves,
 but to others also. This circumstance, like
 the two foregoing, has an effect upon joy,
 as well as pride. We fancy ourselves more
 happy, as well as more virtuous or beauti-
 ful, when we appear so to others; but are
 still more ostentacious of our virtues than of
 our pleasures. This proceeds from causes,
 which I shall endeavour to explain after-
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THE fourth limitation is deriv'd from the inconstancy of the cause of these passions, and from the short duration of its connexion with ourselves. What is casual and inconstant gives but little joy, and less pride. We are not much satisfy'd with the thing itself; and are still less apt to feel any new degrees of self-satisfaction upon its account. We foresee and anticipate its change by the imagination; which makes us little satisfy'd with the thing: We compare it to ourselves, whose existence is more durable; by which means its inconstancy appears still greater. It seems ridiculous to infer an excellency in ourselves from an object, which is of so much shorter duration, and attends us during so small a part of our existence. 'Twill be easy to comprehend the reason, why this cause operates not with the same force in joy as in pride; since the idea of self is not so essential to the former passion as to the latter.

V. I MAY add as a fifth limitation, or rather enlargement of this system, that *general rules* have a great influence upon pride and humility, as well as on all the other passions. Hence we form a notion of different ranks of men, suitable to the power or riches they are possess'd of; and this notion

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 peculiarities of the health or temper of the VI.
 persons, which may deprive them of all en-
 joyment in their possessions. This may be
 accounted for from the same principles, that
 explain'd the influence of general rules on
 the understanding. Custom readily carries
 us beyond the just bounds in our passions,
 as well as in our reasonings.

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IT may not be amiss to observe on this occasion, that the influence of general rules and maxims on the passions very much contributes to facilitate the effects of all the principles, which we shall explain in the progress of this treatise. For 'tis evident, that if a person full-grown, and of the same nature with ourselves, were on a sudden transported into our world, he wou'd be very much embarrass'd with every object, and wou'd not readily find what degree of love or hatred, pride or humility, or any other passion he ought to attribute to it. The passions are often vary'd by very inconsiderable principles; and these do not always play with a perfect regularity, especially on the first trial. But as custom and practice have brought to light all these principles, and have settled the just value of every thing; this must certainly contribute to the easy production of the pas-
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fions, and guide us, by means of general establish'd maxims, in the proportions we ought to observe in preferring one object to another. This remark may, perhaps, serve to obviate difficulties, that may arise concerning some causes, which I shall hereafter ascribe to particular passions, and which may be esteem'd too refin'd to operate so universally and certainly, as they are found to do.

I SHALL close this subject with a reflection deriv'd from these five limitations. This reflection is, that the persons, who are proudest, and who in the eye of the world have most reason for their pride, are not always the happiest; nor the most humble always the most miserable, as may at first sight be imagin'd from this system. An evil may be real, tho' its cause has no relation to us: It may be real, without being peculiar: It may be real, without shewing itself to others: It may be real, without being constant: And it may be real, without falling under the general rules. Such evils as these will not fail to render us miserable, tho' they have little tendency to diminish pride: And perhaps the most real and the most solid evils of life will be found of this nature.

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TAKING these limitations along with S E C T. VII.
 us, let us proceed to examine the causes of pride and humility; and see, whether in every case we can discover the double relations, by which they operate on the passions. If we find that all these causes are related to self, and produce a pleasure or uneasiness separate from the passion, there will remain no farther scruple with regard to the present system. We shall principally endeavour to prove the latter point; the former being in a manner self-evident.

To begin with VICE and VIRTUE, which are the most obvious causes of these passions; 'twou'd be entirely foreign to my present purpose to enter upon the controversy, which of late years has so much excited the curiosity of the publick, *whether these moral distinctions be founded on natural and original principles, or arise from interest and education.* The examination of this I reserve for the following book; and in the mean time shall endeavour to show, that my system maintains its ground upon



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FOR granting that morality had no foundation in nature, it must still be allow'd, that vice and virtue, either from self-interest or the prejudices of education, produce in us a real pain and pleasure ; and this we may observe to be strenuously asserted by the defenders of that hypothesis. Every passion, habit, or turn of character (say they) which has a tendency to our advantage or prejudice, gives a delight or uneasiness ; and 'tis from thence the approbation or disapprobation arises. We easily gain from the liberality of others, but are always in danger of losing by their avarice : Courage defends us, but cowardice lays us open to every attack : Justice is the support of society, but injustice, unless check'd, wou'd quickly prove its ruin : Humility exalts ; but pride mortifies us. For these reasons the former qualities are esteem'd virtues, and the latter regarded as vices. Now since 'tis granted there is a delight or uneasiness still attending merit or demerit of every kind, this is all that is requisite for my purpose.

BUT I go farther, and observe, that this moral hypothesis and my present system not only agree together, but also that, allow-
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ing the former to be just, 'tis an absolute and invincible proof of the latter. For if all morality be founded on the pain or pleasure, which arises from the prospect of any loss or advantage, that may result from our own characters, or from those of others, all the effects of morality must be deriv'd from the same pain or pleasure, and among the rest, the passions of pride and humility. The very essence of virtue, according to this hypothesis, is to produce pleasure, and that of vice to give pain. The virtue and vice must be part of our character in order to excite pride or humility. What farther proof can we desire for the double relation of impressions and ideas?

THE same unquestionable argument may be deriv'd from the opinion of those, who maintain that morality is something real, essential, and founded on nature. The most probable hypothesis, which has been advanc'd to explain the distinction betwixt vice and virtue, and the origin of moral rights and obligations, is, that from a primary constitution of nature certain characters and passions, by the very view and contemplation, produce a pain, and others in like manner excite a pleasure. The uneasiness and satisfaction are not only inseparable

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PART from vice and virtue, but constitute their very nature and essence. To approve of a character is to feel an original delight upon its appearance. To disapprove of it is to be sensible of an uneasiness. The pain and pleasure, therefore, being the primary causes of vice and virtue, must also be the causes of all their effects, and consequently of pride and humility, which are the unavoidable attendants of that distinction.

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BUT supposing this hypothesis of moral philosophy shou'd be allow'd to be false, 'tis still evident, that pain and pleasure, if not the causes of vice and virtue, are at least inseparable from them. A generous and noble character affords a satisfaction even in the survey; and when presented to us, tho' only in a poem or fable, never fails to charm and delight us. On the other hand cruelty and treachery displease from their very nature; nor is it possible ever to reconcile us to these qualities, either in ourselves or others. Thus one hypothesis of morality is an undeniable proof of the foregoing system, and the other at worst agrees with it.

BUT pride and humility arise not from these qualities alone of the mind, which, according to the vulgar systems of ethicks, have

have been comprehended as parts of moral duty, but from any other that has a connexion with pleasure and uneasiness. Nothing flatters our vanity more than the talent of pleasing by our wit, good humour, or any other accomplishment; and nothing gives us a more sensible mortification than a disappointment in any attempt of that nature. No one has ever been able to tell what *wit* is, and to shew why such a system of thought must be receiv'd under that denomination, and such another rejected. 'Tis only by taste we can decide concerning it, nor are we possess'd of any other standard, upon which we can form a judgment of this kind. Now what is this *taste*, from which true and false wit in a manner receive their being, and without which no thought can have a title to either of these denominations? 'Tis plainly nothing but a sensation of pleasure from true wit, and of uneasiness from false, without our being able to tell the reasons of that pleasure or uneasiness. The power of bestowing these opposite sensations is, therefore, the very essence of true and false wit; and consequently the cause of that pride or humility, which arises from them.

THERE may, perhaps, be some, who being accusom'd to the style of the schools

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PART and pulpit, and having never consider'd human nature in any other light, than that in which *they* place it, may here be surpriz'd to hear me talk of virtue as exciting pride, which they look upon as a vice; and of vice as producing humility, which they have been taught to consider as a virtue. But not to dispute about words, I observe, that by *pride* I understand that agreeable impression, which arises in the mind, when the view either of our virtue, beauty, riches or power makes us satisfy'd with ourselves: And that by *humility* I mean the opposite impression. 'Tis evident the former impression is not always vicious, nor the latter virtuous. The most rigid morality allows us to receive a pleasure from reflecting on a generous action; and 'tis by none esteem'd a virtue to feel any fruitless remorse upon the thoughts of past villiany and baseness. Let us, therefore, examine these impressions, consider'd in themselves; and enquire into their causes, whether plac'd on the mind or body, without troubling ourselves at present with that merit or blame, which may attend them.

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WHETHER we consider the body S E C T. VIII.
 as a part of ourselves, or assent to those philosophers, who regard it as something external, it must still be allow'd to be near enough connected with us to form one of these double relations, which I have asserted to be necessary to the causes of pride and humility. Wherever, therefore, we can find the other relation of impressions to join to this of ideas, we may expect with assurance either of these passions, according as the impression is pleasant or uneasy. But *beauty* of all kinds gives us a peculiar delight and satisfaction; as *deformity* produces pain, upon whatever subject it may be plac'd, and whether survey'd in an animate or inanimate object. If the beauty or deformity, therefore, be plac'd upon our own bodies, this pleasure or uneasiness must be converted into pride or humility, as having in this case all the circumstances requisite to produce a perfect transition of impressions and ideas. These opposite sensations are related to the opposite passions. The beauty

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PART or deformity is closely related to self, the
 I. object of both these passions. No wonder,
 then our own beauty becomes an object of
 pride, and deformity of humility.

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BUT this effect of personal and bodily qualities is not only a proof of the present system, by shewing that the passions arise not in this case without all the circumstances I have requir'd, but may be employ'd as a stronger and more convincing argument. If we consider all the hypotheses, which have been form'd either by philosophy or common reason, to explain the difference betwixt beauty and deformity, we shall find that all of them resolve into this, that beauty is such an order and construction of parts, as either by the *primary constitution* of our nature, by *custom*, or by *caprice*, is fitted to give a pleasure and satisfaction to the soul. This is the distinguishing character of beauty, and forms all the difference betwixt it and deformity, whose natural tendency is to produce uneasiness. Pleasure and pain, therefore, are not only necessary attendants of beauty and deformity, but constitute their very essence. And indeed, if we consider, that a great part of the beauty, which we admire either in animals or in other objects, is deriv'd from the
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idea of convenience and utility, we shall make no scruple to assent to this opinion. That shape, which produces strength, is beautiful in one animal; and that which is a sign of agility in another. The order and convenience of a palace are no less essential to its beauty, than its mere figure and appearance. In like manner the rules of architecture require, that the top of a pillar shou'd be more slender than its base, and that because such a figure conveys to us the idea of security, which is pleasant; whereas the contrary form gives us the apprehension of danger, which is uneasy. From innumerable instances of this kind, as well as from considering that beauty like wit, cannot be defin'd, but is discern'd only by a taste or sensation, we may conclude, that beauty is nothing but a form, which produces pleasure, as deformity is a structure of parts, which conveys pain; and since the power of producing pain and pleasure make in this manner the essence of beauty and deformity, all the effects of these qualities must be deriv'd from the sensation; and among the rest pride and humility, which of all their effects are the most common and remarkable.

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PART THIS argument I esteem just and decisive; but in order to give greater authority to the present reasoning, let us suppose it false for a moment, and see what will follow. 'Tis certain, then, that if the power of producing pleasure and pain forms not the essence of beauty and deformity, the sensations are at least inseparable from the qualities, and 'tis even difficult to consider them apart. Now there is nothing common to natural and moral beauty, (both of which are the causes of pride) but this power of producing pleasure; and as a common effect supposes always a common cause, 'tis plain the pleasure must in both cases be the real and influencing cause of the passion. Again; there is nothing originally different betwixt the beauty of our bodies and the beauty of external and foreign objects, but that the one has a near relation to ourselves, which is wanting in the other. This original difference, therefore, must be the cause of all their other differences, and among the rest, of their different influence upon the passion of pride, which is excited by the beauty of our person, but is not affected in the least by that of foreign and external objects. Placing, then, these two conclusions together, we find they compose the preceding system betwixt them,

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them, *viz.* that pleasure, as a related or resembling impressi^on, when plac'd on a related object, by a natural transiti^on, produces pride; and its contrary, humility. This system, then, seems already sufficiently confirm'd by experience; tho' we have not yet exhausted all our arguments.

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'TIS not the beauty of the body alone that produces pride, but also its strength and force. Strength is a kind of power; and therefore the desire to excel in strength is to be consider'd as an inferior species of *ambition*. For this reason the present phænomenon will be sufficiently accounted for, in explaining that passion.

CONCERNING all other bodily accomplishments we may observe in general, that whatever in ourselves is either useful, beautiful, or surprizing, is an object of pride, and it's contrary, of humility. Now 'tis obvious, that every thing useful, beautiful or surprizing, agrees in producing a separate pleasure, and agrees in nothing else. The pleasure, therefore, with the relation to self must be the cause of the passion.

THO' it shou'd be question'd, whether beauty be not something real, and different from the power of producing pleasure, it can never be disputed, that as surprize is no-
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PART I. thing but a pleasure arising from novelty, it is not, properly speaking, a quality in any object, but merely a passion or impression in the soul. It must, therefore, be from that impression, that pride by a natural transition arises. And it arises so naturally, that there is nothing *in us or belonging to us*, which produces surprize, that does not at the same time excite that other passion. Thus we are vain of the surprizing adventures we have met with, the escapes we have made, and dangers we have been expos'd to. Hence the origin of vulgar lying; where men without any interest, and merely out of vanity, heap up a number of extraordinary events, which are either the fictions of their brain, or if true, have at least no connexion with themselves. Their fruitful invention supplies them with a variety of adventures; and and where that talent is wanting, they appropriate such as belong to others, in order to satisfy their vanity.

IN this phenomenon are contain'd two curious experiments, which if we compare them together, according to the known rules, by which we judge of cause and effect in anatomy, natural philosophy, and other sciences, will be an undeniable argument for that influence of the double relations above-mention'd.

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mention'd. By one of these experiments we find, that an object produces pride merely by the interposition of pleasure; and that because the quality, by which it produces pride, is in reality nothing but the power of producing pleasure. By the other experiment we find, that the pleasure produces the pride by a transition along related ideas; because when we cut off that relation the passion is immediately destroy'd. A surprising adventure, in which we have been ourselves engag'd, is related to us, and by that means produces pride: But the adventures of others, tho' they may cause pleasure, yet for want of this relation of ideas, never excite that passion. What farther proof can be desired for the present system?

THERE is only one objection to this system with regard to our body; which is, that tho' nothing be more agreeable than health, and more painful than sickness, yet commonly men are neither proud of the one, nor mortify'd with the other. This will easily be accounted for, if we consider the *second* and *fourth* limitations, propos'd to our general system. It was observ'd, that no object ever produces pride or humility, if it has not something *peculiar*

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 duration of ourself, which is its object.
 Now as health and sickness vary incessantly to all men, and there is none, who is *solely* or *certainly* fix'd in either, these accidental blessings and calamities are in a manner separated from us, and are never consider'd as connected with our being and existence. And that this account is just appears hence, that wherever a malady of any kind is so rooted in our constitution, that we no longer entertain any hopes of recovery, from that moment it becomes an object of humility; as is evident in old men, whom nothing mortifies more than the consideration of their age and infirmities. They endeavour, as long as possible, to conceal their blindness and deafness, their rheums and gouts; nor do they ever confess them without reluctance and uneasiness. And tho' young men are not ashamed of every head-ach or cold they fall into, yet no topic is so proper to mortify human pride, and make us entertain a mean opinion of our nature, than this, that we are every moment of our lives subject to
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such infirmities. This sufficiently proves that S E C T.
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 proper causes of humility; tho' the custom
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 more than by its intrinsic worth and value,
 makes us overlook these calamities, which
 we find to be incident to every one, and
 causes us to form an idea of our merit and
 character independent of them.

WE are aſham'd of ſuch maladies as af-
 fect others, and are either dangerous or dif-
 agreeable to them. Of the epilepsy; be-
 cauſe it gives a horror to every one preſent:
 Of the itch; becauſe it is infectious: Of
 the king's-evil; becauſe it commonly goes
 to poſterity. Men always conſider the ſen-
 timents of others in their judgment of
 themſelves. This has evidently appear'd in
 ſome of the foregoing reaſonings; and will
 appear ſtill more evidently, and be more
 fully explain'd afterwards.

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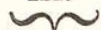
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BUT tho' pride and humility have the qualities of our mind and body, that is *self*, for their natural and more immediate causes, we find by experience, that there are many other objects, which produce these affections, and that the primary one is, in some measure, obscur'd and lost by the multiplicity of foreign and extrinsic. We found a vanity upon houses, gardens, equipages, as well as upon personal merit and accomplishments; and tho' these external advantages be in themselves widely distant from thought or a person, yet they considerably influence even a passion, which is directed to that as its ultimate object. This happens when external objects acquire any particular relation to ourselves, and are associated or connected with us. A beautiful fish in the ocean, an animal in a desert, and indeed any thing that neither belongs, nor is related to us, has no manner of influence on our vanity, whatever extraordinary qualities

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 ever degree of surprize and admiration it
 may naturally occasion. It must be some
 way associated with us in order to touch our
 pride. Its idea must hang in a manner,
 upon that of ourselves; and the transition
 from the one to the other must be easy and
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BUT here 'tis remarkable, that tho' the
 relation of *resemblance* operates upon the
 mind in the same manner as contiguity and
 causation, in conveying us from one idea to
 another, yet 'tis seldom a foundation either
 of pride or of humility. If we resemble a
 person in any of the valuable parts of his
 character, we must, in some degree, possess
 the quality, in which we resemble him;
 and this quality we always chuse to survey
 directly in ourselves rather than by re-
 flexion in another person, when we wou'd
 found upon it any degree of vanity. So
 that tho' a likeness may occasionally produce
 that passion by suggesting a more advan-
 tageous idea of ourselves, 'tis there the view
 fixes at last, and the passion finds its ultimate
 and final cause.

THERE are instances, indeed, wherein
 men shew a vanity in resembling a great
 man in his countenance, shape, air, or other
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I. in any degree to his reputation; but it must
 be confess'd, that this extends not very far,
 nor is of any considerable moment in these
 affections. For this I assign the following
 reason. We can never have a vanity of re-
 sembling in trifles any person, unless he be
 possess'd of very shining qualities, which
 give us a respect and veneration for him.
 These qualities, then, are, properly speak-
 ing, the causes of our vanity, by means of
 their relation to ourselves. Now after what
 manner are they related to ourselves? They
 are parts of the person we value, and con-
 sequently connected with these trifles; which
 are also suppos'd to be parts of him. These
 trifles are connected with the resembling qua-
 lities in us; and these qualities in us, being
 parts, are connected with the whole; and
 by that means form a chain of several links
 betwixt ourselves and the shining qualities
 of the person we resemble. But besides
 that this multitude of relations must weaken
 the connexion; 'tis evident the mind, in
 passing from the shining qualities to the tri-
 vial ones, must by that contrast the better
 perceive the minuteness of the latter, and
 be in some measure asham'd of the compa-
 rison and resemblance.

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THE relation, therefore, of contiguity, or that of causation, betwixt the cause and object of pride and humility, is alone requisite to give rise to these passions; and these relations are nothing else but qualities, by which the imagination is convey'd from one idea to another. Now let us consider what effect these can possibly have upon the mind, and by what means they become so requisite to the production of the passions. 'Tis evident, that the association of ideas operates in so silent and imperceptible a manner, that we are scarce sensible of it, and discover it more by its effects than by any immediate feeling or perception. It produces no emotion, and gives rise to no new impression of any kind, but only modifies those ideas, of which the mind was formerly possess'd, and which it cou'd recal upon occasion. From this reasoning, as well as from undoubted experience, we may conclude, that an association of ideas, however necessary, is not alone sufficient to give rise to any passion.

'TIS evident, then, that when the mind feels the passion either of pride or humility upon the appearance of a related object, there is, beside the relation or transition of thought, an emotion or original impression produc'd

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 I. whether the emotion first produc'd be the
 passion itself, or some other impressi-
 on related to it. This question we cannot be long
 in deciding. For besides all the other argu-
 ments, with which this subject abounds, it
 must evidently appear, that the relation of
 ideas, which experience shews to be so re-
 quisite a circumstance to the production
 of the passion, wou'd be entirely superflu-
 ous, were it not to second a relation of af-
 fections, and facilitate the transition from
 one impressi- on to another. If nature pro-
 duc'd immediately the passion of pride or
 humility, it wou'd be compleated in it-
 self, and wou'd require no farther addition
 or encrease from any other affection. But
 supposing the first emotion to be only relat-
 ed to pride or humility, 'tis easily conceiv'd
 to what purpose the relation of objects
 may serve, and how the two different affo-
 ciations, of impressions and ideas, by uniting
 their forces, may assist each other's opera-
 tion. This is not only easily conceiv'd, but
 I will venture to affirm 'tis the only man-
 ner, in which we can conceive this subject.
 An easy transition of ideas, which, of itself,
 causes no emotion, can never be necessary,
 or even useful to the passions, but by for-
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warding the transition betwixt some related S E C T. I X.
 impressions. Not to mention, that the same object causes a greater or smaller degree of pride, not only in proportion to the encrease or decrease of its qualities, but also to the distance or nearness of the relation; which is a clear argument for the transition of affections along the relation of ideas; since every change in the relation produces a proportionable change in the passion. Thus one part of the preceding system, concerning the relations of ideas is a sufficient proof of the other, concerning that of impressions; and is itself so evidently founded on experience, that 'twou'd be lost time to endeavour farther to prove it.

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THIS will appear still more evidently in particular instances. Men are vain of the beauty of their country, of their county, of their parish. Here the idea of beauty plainly produces a pleasure. This pleasure is related to pride. The object or cause of this pleasure is, by the supposition, related to self, or the object of pride. By this double relation of impressions and ideas, a transition is made from the one impression to the other.

MEN are also vain of the temperature of the climate, in which they were born; of



PART the fertility of their native soil; of the goodness of the wines, fruits or victuals, produc'd by it; of the softness or force of their language; with other particulars of that kind. These objects have plainly a reference to the pleasures of the senses, and are originally consider'd as agreeable to the feeling, taste or hearing. How is it possible they cou'd ever become objects of pride, except by means of that transition above-explain'd?

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THERE are some, that discover a vanity of an opposite kind, and affect to depreciate their own country, in comparison of those, to which they have travell'd. These persons find, when they are at home, and surrounded with their countrymen, that the strong relation betwixt them and their own nation is shar'd with so many, that 'tis in a manner lost to them; whereas their distant relation to a foreign country, which is form'd by their having seen it and liv'd in it, is augmented by their considering how few there are who have done the same. For this reason they always admire the beauty, utility and rarity of what is abroad, above what is at home.

SINCE we can be vain of a country, climate or any inanimate object, which bears a relation to us, 'tis no wonder we are vain

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of the qualities of those, who are connected with us by blood or friendship. Accordingly we find, that the very same qualities, which in ourselves produce pride, produce also in a lesser degree the same affection, when discover'd in persons related to us. The beauty, address, merit, credit and honours of their kindred are carefully display'd by the proud, as some of their most considerable sources of their vanity.

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As we are proud of riches in ourselves, so to satisfy our vanity we desire that every one, who has any connexion with us, shou'd likewise be possess'd of them, and are asham'd of any one, that is mean or poor, among our friends and relations. For this reason we remove the poor as far from us as possible; and as we cannot prevent poverty in some distant collaterals, and our forefathers are taken to be our nearest relations; upon this account every one affects to be of a good family, and to be descended from a long succession of rich and honourable ancestors.

I HAVE frequently observ'd, that those, who boast of the antiquity of their families, are glad when they can join this circumstance, that their ancestors for many generations have been uninterrupted proprietors

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PART I. tors of the same portion of land, and that their family has never chang'd its possessions, or been transplanted into any other county or province. I have also observ'd, that 'tis an additional subject of vanity, when they can boast, that these possessions have been transmitted thro' a descent compos'd entirely of males, and that the honours and fortune have never past thro' any female. Let us endeavour to explain these phænomena by the foregoing system.

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'TIS evident, that when any one boasts of the antiquity of his family, the subjects of his vanity are not merely the extent of time and number of ancestors, but also their riches and credit, which are suppos'd to reflect a lustre on himself on account of his relation to them. He first considers these objects; is affected by them in an agreeable manner; and then returning back to himself, thro' the relation of parent and child, is elevated with the passion of pride, by means of the double relation of impressions and ideas. Since therefore the passion depends on these relations, whatever strengthens any of the relations must also encrease the passion, and whatever weakens the relations must diminish the passion. Now 'tis certain the identity of the possession strengthens the
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the relation of ideas arising from blood and kindred, and conveys the fancy with greater facility from one generation to another, from the remotest ancestors to their posterity, who are both their heirs and their descendants. By this facility the impression is transmitted more entire, and excites a greater degree of pride and vanity.

THE case is the same with the transmission of the honours and fortune thro' a succession of males without their passing thro' any female. 'Tis a quality of human nature, which we shall consider * afterwards, that the imagination naturally turns to whatever is important and considerable; and where two objects are presented to it, a small and a great one, usually leaves the former, and dwells entirely upon the latter. As in the society of marriage, the male sex has the advantage above the female, the husband first engages our attention; and whether we consider him directly, or reach him by passing thro' related objects, the thought both rests upon him with greater satisfaction, and arrives at him with greater facility than his consort. 'Tis easy to see, that this property must strengthen the child's relation to the father, and weaken that to

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PART the mother. For as all relations are nothing

I. but a propensity to pass from one idea to another, whatever strengthens the propensity strengthens the relation; and as we have a stronger propensity to pass from the idea of the children to that of the father, than from the same idea to that of the mother, we ought to regard the former relation as the closer and more considerable. This is the reason why children commonly bear their father's name, and are esteem'd to be of nobler or baser birth, according to *his* family. And tho' the mother shou'd be possess'd of a superior spirit and genius to the father, as often happens, the *general rule* prevails, notwithstanding the exception, according to the doctrine above-explain'd. Nay even when a superiority of any kind is so great, or when any other reasons have such an effect, as to make the children rather represent the mother's family than the father's, the general rule still retains such an efficacy that it weakens the relation, and makes a kind of break in the line of ancestors. The imagination runs not along them with facility, nor is able to transfer the honour and credit of the ancestors to their posterity of the same name and family so readily, as when the transition is conformable to the general rules,

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rules, and passes from father to son, or from brother to brother.

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BUT the relation, which is esteem'd S E C T. X. the closest, and which of all others produces most commonly the passion of pride, is that of *property*. This relation 'twill be impossible for me fully to explain before I come to treat of justice and the other moral virtues. 'Tis sufficient to observe on this occasion, that property may be defin'd, *such a relation betwixt a person and an object as permits him, but forbids any other, the free use and possession of it, without violating the laws of justice and moral equity.* If justice, therefore, be a virtue, which has a natural and original influence on the human mind, property may be look'd upon as a particular species of *causation*; whether we consider the liberty it gives the proprietor to operate as he please upon the object, or the advantages, which he reaps from it. 'Tis the same case, if justice, according to the system of certain philosophers, shou'd be esteem'd an artificial

PART artificial and not a natural virtue. For then
 I. honour, and custom, and civil laws supply
 the place of natural conscience, and produce,
 in some degree, the same effects. This in
 the mean time is certain, that the men-
 tion of the property naturally carries our
 thought to the proprietor, and of the pro-
 prietor to the property; which being a proof
 of a perfect relation of ideas is all that is
 requisite to our present purpose. A relation
 of ideas, join'd to that of impressions, al-
 ways produces a transition of affections; and
 therefore, whenever any pleasure or pain a-
 rises from an object, connected with us by
 property, we may be certain, that either pride
 or humility must arise from this conjunction
 of relations; if the foregoing system be solid
 and satisfactory. And whether it be so or
 not, we may soon satisfy ourselves by the
 most cursory view of human life.

EVERY thing belonging to a vain man
 is the best that is any where to be found.
 His houses, equipage, furniture, cloaths,
 horses, hounds, excel all others in his con-
 ceit; and 'tis easy to observe, that from the
 least advantage in any of these, he draws a
 new subject of pride and vanity. His wine,
 if you'll believe him, has a finer flavour
 than any other; his cookery is more ex-
 quisite;

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quifite; his table more orderly; his servants more expert; the air, in which he lives, more healthful; the foil he cultivates more fertile; his fruits ripen earlier and to greater perfection: Such a thing is remarkable for its novelty; such another for its antiquity: This is the workmanship of a famous artist; that belong'd once to such a prince or great man: All objects, in a word, that are useful, beautiful or surprizing, or are related to such, may, by means of property, give rise to this passion. These agree in giving pleasure, and agree in nothing else. This alone is common to them; and therefore must be the quality that produces the passion, which is their common effect. As every new instance is a new argument, and as the instances are here without number, I may venture to affirm, that scarce any system was ever so fully prov'd by experience, as that which I have here advanc'd.

If the property of any thing, that gives pleasure either by its utility, beauty or novelty, produces also pride by a double relation of impressions and ideas; we need not be surpriz'd, that the power of acquiring this property, shou'd have the same effect. Now riches are to be consider'd as the power of acquiring the property of what pleases;
and



PART and 'tis only in this view they have any influence on the passions. Paper will, on many occasions, be consider'd as riches, and that because it may convey the power of acquiring money : And money is not riches, as it is a metal endow'd with certain qualities of solidity, weight and fusibility ; but only as it has a relation to the pleasures and conveniences of life. Taking then this for granted, which is in itself so evident, we may draw from it one of the strongest arguments I have yet employ'd to prove the influence of the double relations on pride and humility.

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IT has been observ'd in treating of the understanding, that the distinction, which we sometimes make betwixt a *power* and the *exercise* of it, is entirely frivolous, and that neither man nor any other being ought ever to be thought possess'd of any ability, unless it be exerted and put in action. But tho' this be strictly true in a just and *philosophical* way of thinking, 'tis certain it is not *the philosophy* of our passions ; but that many things operate upon them by means of the idea and supposition of power, independent of its actual exercise. We are pleas'd when we acquire an ability of procuring pleasure, and are displeas'd when another acquires a
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power of giving pain. This is evident from S E C T.
 experience; but in order to give a just ex- X.
 plication of the matter, and account for this
 satisfaction and uneasiness, we must weigh Of propriety and riches.
 the following reflections.

THIS evident the error of distinguishing power from its exercise proceeds not entirely from the scholastic doctrine of *free-will*, which, indeed, enters very little into common life, and has but small influence on our vulgar and popular ways of thinking. According to that doctrine, motives deprive us not of free-will, nor take away our power of performing or forbearing any action. But according to common notions a man has no power, where very considerable motives lie betwixt him and the satisfaction of his desires, and determine him to forbear what he wishes to perform. I do not think I have fallen into my enemies power, when I see him pass me in the streets with a sword by his side, while I am unprovided of any weapon. I know that the fear of the civil magistrate is as strong a restraint as any of iron, and that I am in as perfect safety as if he were chain'd or imprison'd. But when a person acquires such an authority over me, that not only there is no external obstacle to his actions; but also that



PART he may punish or reward me as he pleases,
 I. I then attribute a full power to him, and
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 lity.

Now if we compare these two cases, that of a person, who has very strong motives of interest or safety to forbear any action, and that of another, who lies under no such obligation, we shall find, according to the philosophy explain'd in the foregoing book, that the only *known* difference betwixt them lies in this, that in the former case we conclude from *past experience*, that the person never will perform that action, and in the latter, that he possibly or probably will perform it. Nothing is more fluctuating and inconstant on many occasions, than the will of man; nor is there any thing but strong motives, which can give us an absolute certainty in pronouncing concerning any of his future actions. When we see a person free from these motives, we suppose a possibility either of his acting or forbearing; and tho' in general we may conclude him to be determin'd by motives and causes, yet this removes not the uncertainty of our judgment concerning these causes, nor the influence of that uncertainty on the passions. Since therefore

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we ascribe a power of performing an action to every one, who has no very powerful motive to forbear it, and refuse it to such as have; it may justly be concluded, that *power* has always a reference to its *exercise*, either actual or probable, and that we consider a person as endow'd with any ability when we find from past experience, that 'tis probable, or at least possible he may exert it. And indeed, as our passions always regard the real existence of objects, and we always judge of this reality from past instances; nothing can be more likely of itself, without any farther reasoning, than that power consists in the possibility or probability of any action, as discover'd by experience and the practice of the world.

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Now 'tis evident, that wherever a person is in such a situation with regard to me, that there is no very powerful motive to deter him from injuring me, and consequently 'tis *uncertain* whether he will injure me or not, I must be uneasy in such a situation, and cannot consider the possibility or probability of that injury without a sensible concern. The passions are not only affected by such events as are certain and infallible, but also in an inferior degree by such as are possible and contingent. And tho' per-



PART haps I never really feel any harm, and
 I. discover by the event, that, philosophically
 speaking, the person never had any power
 of harming me; since he did not exert any;
 this prevents not my uneasiness from the
 preceding uncertainty. The agreeable pas-
 sions may here operate as well as the un-
 easy, and convey a pleasure when I per-
 ceive a good to become either possible or
 probable by the possibility or probability of
 another's bestowing it on me, upon the re-
 moval of any strong motives, which might
 formerly have hinder'd him.

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BUT we may farther observe, that this
 satisfaction encreases, when any good ap-
 proaches in such a manner that it is in one's
own power to take or leave it, and there
 neither is any physical impediment, nor any
 very strong motive to hinder our enjoyment.
 As all men desire pleasure, nothing can be
 more probable, than its existence when there
 is no external obstacle to the producing
 it, and men perceive no danger in fol-
 lowing their inclinations. In that case their
 imagination easily anticipates the satisfac-
 tion, and conveys the same joy, as if they
 were perswaded of its real and actual ex-
 istence.

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BUT this accounts not sufficiently for the SECT. satisfaction, which attends riches. A miser X. receives delight from his money; that is, from the *power* it affords him of procuring all the pleasures and conveniences of life, tho' he knows he has enjoy'd his riches for forty years without ever employing them; and consequently cannot conclude by any species of reasoning, that the real existence of these pleasures is nearer, than if he were entirely depriv'd of all his possessions. But tho' he cannot form any such conclusion in a way of reasoning concerning the nearer approach of the pleasure, 'tis certain he *imagines* it to approach nearer, whenever all external obstacles are remov'd, along with the more powerful motives of interest and danger, which oppose it. For farther satisfaction on this head I must refer to my account of the will, where I shall * explain that false sensation of liberty, which makes us imagine we can perform any thing, that is not very dangerous or destructive. Whenever any other person is under no strong obligations of interest to forbear any pleasure, we judge from *experience*, that the pleasure will exist, and that he will probably obtain it. But when ourselves are

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PART in that situation, we judge from an *illusion*
 I. of the fancy, that the pleasure is still closer
 and more immediate. The will seems to
 move easily every way, and casts a sha-
 dow or image of itself, even to that side,
 on which it did not settle. By means of
 this image the enjoyment seems to approach
 nearer to us, and gives us the same lively
 satisfaction, as if it were perfectly certain
 and unavoidable.

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'TWILL now be easy to draw this whole reasoning to a point, and to prove, that when riches produce any pride or vanity in their possessors, as they never fail to do, 'tis only by means of a double relation of impressions and ideas. The very essence of riches consists in the power of procuring the pleasures and conveniences of life. The very essence of this power consists in the probability of its exercise, and in its causing us to anticipate, by a *true* or *false* reasoning, the real existence of the pleasure. This anticipation of pleasure is, in itself, a very considerable pleasure; and as its cause is some possession or property, which we enjoy, and which is thereby related to us, we here clearly see all the parts of the foregoing system most exactly and distinctly drawn out before us.

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FOR the same reason, that riches cause pleasure and pride, and poverty excites uneasiness and humility, power must produce the former emotions, and slavery the latter. Power or an authority over others makes us capable of satisfying all our desires; as slavery, by subjecting us to the will of others, exposes us to a thousand wants, and mortifications.

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'TIS here worth observing, that the vanity of power, or shame of slavery, are much augmented by the consideration of the persons, over whom we exercise our authority, or who exercise it over us. For supposing it possible to frame statues of such an admirable mechanism, that they cou'd move and act in obedience to the will; 'tis evident the possession of them wou'd give pleasure and pride, but not to such a degree, as the same authority, when exerted over sensible and rational creatures, whose condition, being compar'd to our own, makes it seem more agreeable and honourable. Comparison is in every case a sure method of augmenting our esteem of any thing. A rich man feels the felicity of his condition better by opposing it to that of a beggar. But there is a peculiar advantage in power, by the contrast, which is, in a man-



PART ner, presented to us, betwixt ourselves and
 I. the person we command. The comparison
 is obvious and natural: The imagination
Of pride and humility. finds it in the very subject: The passage of
 the thought to its conception is smooth and
 easy. And that this circumstance has a
 considerable effect in augmenting its influ-
 ence, will appear afterwards in examining
 the nature of *malice* and *envy*.

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 ary one in the opinions of others, which
 has an equal influence on the affections.
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 are considerations of vast weight and impor-
 tance; and even the other causes of pride;
 virtue, beauty and riches; have little influ-
 ence, when not seconded by the opinions
 and sentiments of others. In order to ac-
 count for this phenomenon 'twill be neces-
 sary to take some compass, and first explain
 the nature of *sympathy*.

No quality of human nature is more re-
 markable, both in itself and in its conse-
 quences,

quences, than that propensity we have to SYMPATHIZE with others, and to receive by communication their inclinations and sentiments, however different from, or even contrary to our own. This is not only conspicuous in children, who implicitly embrace every opinion propos'd to them; but also in men of the greatest judgment and understanding, who find it very difficult to follow their own reason or inclination, in opposition to that of their friends and daily companions. To this principle we ought to ascribe the great uniformity we may observe in the humours and turn of thinking of those of the same nation; and 'tis much more probable, that this resemblance arises from sympathy, than from any influence of the soil and climate, which, tho' they continue invariably the same, are not able to preserve the character of a nation the same for a century together. A good-natur'd man finds himself in an instant of the same humour with his company; and even the proudest and most furly take a tincture from their countrymen and acquaintance. A cheerful countenance infuses a sensible complacency and serenity into my mind; as an angry or sorrowful one throws a sudden damp upon me. Hatred, resentment, esteem,

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PART I. *Of pride and humility.* teem, love, courage, mirth and melancholy; all these passions I feel more from communication than from my own natural temper and disposition. So remarkable a phenomenon merits our attention, and must be trac'd up to its first principles.

WHEN any affection is infus'd by sympathy, it is at first known only by its effects, and by those external signs in the countenance and conversation, which convey an idea of it. This idea is presently converted into an impression, and acquires such a degree of force and vivacity, as to become the very passion itself, and produce an equal emotion, as any original affection. However instantaneous this change of the idea into an impression may be, it proceeds from certain views and reflections, which will not escape the strict scrutiny of a philosopher, tho' they may the person himself, who makes them.

'TIS evident, that the idea, or rather impression of ourselves is always intimately present with us, and that our consciousness gives us so lively a conception of our own person, that 'tis not possible to imagine, that any thing can in this particular go beyond it. Whatever object, therefore, is related to ourselves must be conceived with

a like vivacity of conception, according to the foregoing principles; and tho' this relation shou'd not be so strong as that of causation, it must still have a considerable influence. Resemblance and contiguity are relations not to be neglected; especially when by an inference from cause and effect, and by the observation of external signs, we are inform'd of the real existence of the object, which is resembling or contiguous.

Now 'tis obvious, that nature has preserv'd a great resemblance among all human creatures, and that we never remark any passion or principle in others, of which, in some degree or other, we may not find a parallel in ourselves. The case is the same with the fabric of the mind, as with that of the body. However the parts may differ in shape or size, their structure and composition are in general the same. There is a very remarkable resemblance, which preserves itself amidst all their variety; and this resemblance must very much contribute to make us enter into the sentiments of others, and embrace them with facility and pleasure. Accordingly we find, that where, beside the general resemblance of our natures, there is any peculiar similarity in our manners, or character, or country,

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PART country, or language, it facilitates the sympathy. The stronger the relation is betwixt ourselves and any object, the more easily does the imagination make the transition, and convey to the related idea the vivacity of conception, with which we always form the idea of our own person.

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NOR is resemblance the only relation, which has this effect, but receives new force from other relations, that may accompany it. The sentiments of others have little influence, when far remov'd from us, and require the relation of contiguity, to make them communicate themselves entirely. The relations of blood, being a species of causation, may sometimes contribute to the same effect; as also acquaintance, which operates in the same manner with education and custom; as we shall see more fully * afterwards. All these relations, when united together, convey the impression or consciousness of our own person to the idea of the sentiments or passions of others, and makes us conceive them in the strongest and most lively manner.

IT has been remark'd in the beginning of this treatise, that all ideas are borrow'd from impressions, and that these two kinds

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of perceptions differ only in the degrees of force and vivacity, with which they strike upon the soul. The component parts of ideas and impressions are precisely alike. The manner and order of their appearance may be the same. The different degrees of their force and vivacity are, therefore, the only particulars, that distinguish them: And as this difference may be remov'd, in some measure, by a relation betwixt the impressions and ideas, 'tis no wonder an idea of a sentiment or passion, may by this means be so inliven'd as to become the very sentiment or passion. The lively idea of any object always approaches its impression; and 'tis certain we may feel sickness and pain from the mere force of imagination, and make a malady real by often thinking of it. But this is most remarkable in the opinions and affections; and 'tis there principally that a lively idea is converted into an impression. Our affections depend more upon ourselves, and the internal operations of the mind, than any other impressions; for which reason they arise more naturally from the imagination, and from every lively idea we form of them. This is the nature and cause of sympathy; and 'tis after this manner we enter so deep into the opinions and affections

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WHAT is principally remarkable in this whole affair is the strong confirmation these phænomena give to the foregoing system concerning the understanding, and consequently to the present one concerning the passions; since these are analogous to each other. 'Tis indeed evident, that when we sympathize with the passions and sentiments of others, these movements appear at first in *our* mind as mere ideas, and are conceiv'd to belong to another person, as we conceive any other matter of fact. 'Tis also evident, that the ideas of the affections of others are converted into the very impressions they represent, and that the passions arise in conformity to the images we form of them. All this is an object of the plainest experience, and depends not on any hypothesis of philosophy. That science can only be admitted to explain the phænomena; tho' at the same time it must be confess'd, they are so clear of themselves, that there is but little occasion to employ it. For besides the relation of cause and effect, by which we are convinc'd of the reality of the passion, with which we sympathize; besides this, I say, we must be assist'd by the relations

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tions of resemblance and contiguity, in order to feel the sympathy in its full perfection. And since these relations can entirely convert an idea into an impression, and convey the vivacity of the latter into the former, so perfectly as to lose nothing of it in the transition, we may easily conceive how the relation of cause and effect alone, may serve to strengthen and inviven an idea. In sympathy there is an evident conversion of an idea into an impression. This conversion arises from the relation of objects to ourself. Ourself is always intimately present to us. Let us compare all these circumstances, and we shall find, that sympathy is exactly correspondent to the operations of our understanding; and even contains something more surprising and extraordinary.

THIS now time to turn our view from the general consideration of sympathy, to its influence on pride and humility, when these passions arise from praise and blame, from reputation and infamy. We may observe, that no person is ever prais'd by another for any quality, which wou'd not, if real, produce, of itself, a pride in the person possesst of it. The elogiums either turn upon his power, or riches, or family, or virtue; all of which are subjects of vanity, that we have already

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I. certain, then, that if a person consider'd
 himself in the same light, in which he ap-
 pears to his admirer, he wou'd first receive
 a separate pleasure, and afterwards a pride
 or self-satisfaction, according to the hypo-
 thesis above explain'd. Now nothing is more
 natural than for us to embrace the opinions of
 others in this particular; both from *sym-*
patby, which renders all their sentiments in-
 timately present to us; and from *reasoning*,
 which makes us regard their judgment, as
 a kind of argument for what they affirm.
 These two principles of authority and sym-
 patby influence almost all our opinions; but
 must have a peculiar influence, when we
 judge of our own worth and character. Such
 judgments are always attended with pas-
 sion *; and nothing tends more to disturb
 our understanding, and precipitate us into
 any opinions, however unreasonable, than
 their connexion with passion; which dif-
 fuses itself over the imagination, and gives
 an additional force to every related idea. To
 which we may add, that being conscious of
 great partiality in our own favour, we are
 peculiarly pleas'd with any thing, that con-

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firm the good opinion we have of ourselves, and are easily shock'd with whatever opposes it.

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ALL this appears very probable in theory; but in order to bestow a full certainty on this reasoning, we must examine the phænomena of the passions, and see if they agree with it.

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AMONG these phænomena we may esteem it a very favourable one to our present purpose, that tho' fame in general be agreeable, yet we receive a much greater satisfaction from the approbation of those, whom we ourselves esteem and approve of, than of those, whom we hate and despise. In like manner we are principally mortify'd with the contempt of persons, upon whose judgment we set some value, and are, in a great measure, indifferent about the opinions of the rest of mankind. But if the mind receiv'd from any original instinct a desire of fame, and aversion to infamy, fame and infamy wou'd influence us without distinction; and every opinion, according as it were favourable or unfavourable, wou'd equally excite that desire or aversion. The judgment of a fool is the judgment of another person, as well as that of a wise man, and is only inferior in its influence on our own judgment.

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WE are not only better pleas'd with the approbation of a wise man than with that of a fool, but receive an additional satisfaction from the former, when 'tis obtain'd after a long and intimate acquaintance. This is accounted for after the same manner.

THE praises of others never give us much pleasure, unless they concur with our own opinion, and extol us for those qualities, in which we chiefly excel. A mere soldier little values the character of eloquence: A gownman of courage: A bishop of humour: Or a merchant of learning. Whatever esteem a man may have for any quality, abstractedly consider'd; when he is conscious he is not possess'd of it; the opinions of the whole world will give him little pleasure in that particular, and that because they never will be able to draw his own opinion after them.

NOTHING is more usual than for men of good families, but narrow circumstances, to leave their friends and country, and rather seek their livelihood by mean and mechanical employments among strangers, than among those, who are acquainted with their birth and education. We shall be unknown, say they, where we go. No body will suspect from what family we are sprung. We shall

shall be remov'd from all our friends and acquaintance, and our poverty and mean-ness will by that means sit more easy upon us. In examining these sentiments, I find they afford many very convincing arguments for my present purpose.

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FIRST, We may infer from them, that the uneasiness of being contemn'd depends on sympathy, and that sympathy depends on the relation of objects to ourselves; since we are most uneasy under the contempt of persons, who are both related to us by blood, and contiguous in place. Hence we seek to diminish this sympathy and uneasiness by separating these relations, and placing ourselves in a contiguity to strangers, and at a distance from relations.

SECONDLY, We may conclude, that relations are requisite to sympathy, not absolutely consider'd as relations, but by their influence in converting our ideas of the sentiments of others into the very sentiments, by means of the association betwixt the idea of their persons, and that of our own. For here the relations of kindred and contiguity both subsist; but not being united in the same persons, they contribute in a less degree to the sympathy.

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PART THIRDLY, This very circumstance of the diminution of sympathy by the separation of relations is worthy of our attention.

I. *Of pride and humility.* Suppose I am plac'd in a poor condition among strangers, and consequently am but lightly treated; I yet find myself easier in that situation, than when I was every day expos'd to the contempt of my kindred and countrymen. Here I feel a double contempt; from my relations, but they are absent; from those about me, but they are strangers. This double contempt is likewise strengthen'd by the two relations of kindred and contiguity. But as the persons are not the same, who are connected with me by those two relations, this difference of ideas separates the impressions arising from the contempt, and keeps them from running into each other. The contempt of my neighbours has a certain influence; as has also that of my kindred: But these influences are distinct, and never unite; as when the contempt proceeds from persons who are at once both my neighbours and kindred. This phenomenon is analogous to the system of pride and humility above-explain'd, which may seem so extraordinary to vulgar apprehensions.

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FOURTHLY, A person in these circumstances naturally conceals his birth from those among whom he lives, and is very uneasy, if any one suspects him to be of a family, much superior to his present fortune and way of living. Every thing in this world is judg'd of by comparison. What is an immense fortune for a private gentleman is beggary for a prince. A peasant wou'd think himself happy in what cannot afford necessaries for a gentleman. When a man has either been acustom'd to a more splendid way of living; or thinks himself intitled to it by his birth and quality, every thing below is disagreeable and even shameful; and 'tis with the greatest industry he conceals his pretensions to a better fortune. Here he himself knows his misfortunes; but as those, with whom he lives, are ignorant of them, he has the disagreeable reflection and comparison suggested only by his own thoughts, and never receives it by a sympathy with others; which must contribute very much to his ease and satisfaction.

IF there be any objections to this hypothesis, *that the pleasure, which we receive from praise, arises from a communication of sentiments*, we shall find, upon examination, that these objections, when taken in a pro-

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I. fame may be agreeable even to a man,
 who despises the vulgar; but 'tis because
 their multitude gives them additional weight
 and authority. Plagiaries are delighted with
 praises, which they are conscious they do
 not deserve; but this is a kind of castle-
 building, where the imagination amuses it-
 self with its own fictions, and strives to render
 them firm and stable by a sympathy with
 the sentiments of others. Proud men are
 most shock'd with contempt, tho' they do
 not most readily assent to it; but 'tis be-
 cause of the opposition betwixt the passion,
 which is natural to them, and that receiv'd
 by sympathy. A violent lover in like man-
 ner is very much displeas'd when you blame
 and condemn his love; tho' 'tis evident your
 opposition can have no influence, but by
 the hold it takes of himself, and by his
 sympathy with you. If he despises you, or
 perceives you are in jest, whatever you say
 has no effect upon him.

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Of the pride and humility of animals.

THUS in whatever light we consider S E C T.
this subject, we may still observe, XII.
that the causes of pride and humility corre-
spond exactly to our hypothesis, and that
nothing can excite either of these passions,
unless it be both related to ourselves, and
produces a pleasure or pain independent of
the passion. We have not only prov'd, that
a tendency to produce pleasure or pain is com-
mon to all the causes of pride or humility, but
also that 'tis the only thing, which is common;
and consequently is the quality, by which
they operate. We have farther prov'd, that
the most considerable causes of these pas-
sions are really nothing but the power of
producing either agreeable or uneasy sensa-
tions; and therefore that all their effects,
and amongst the rest, pride and humility,
are deriv'd solely from that origin. Such
simple and natural principles, founded on
such solid proofs, cannot fail to be receiv'd
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PART by philosophers, unless oppos'd by some objections, that have escap'd me.

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'TIS usual with anatomists to join their observations and experiments on human bodies to those on beasts, and from the agreement of these experiments to derive an additional argument for any particular hypothesis. 'Tis indeed certain, that where the structure of parts in brutes is the same as in men, and the operation of these parts also the same, the causes of that operation cannot be different, and that whatever we discover to be true of the one species, may be concluded without hesitation to be certain of the other. Thus tho' the mixture of humours and the composition of minute parts may justly be presum'd to be somewhat different in men from what it is in mere animals; and therefore any experiment we make upon the one concerning the effects of medicines will not always apply to the other; yet as the structure of the veins and muscles, the fabric and situation of the heart, of the lungs, the stomach, the liver and other parts, are the same or nearly the same in all animals, the very same hypothesis, which in one species explains muscular motion, the progress of the chyle, the circulation of the blood, must be applicable to every
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very one; and according as it agrees or dif- S E C T.
 agrees with the experiments we may make XII.
 in any species of creatures, we may draw *Of the*
 a proof of its truth or falshood on the whole. *pride and*
 Let us, therefore, apply this method of en- *humility of*
 quiry, which is found so just and useful *animals.*
 in reasonings concerning the body, to our
 present anatomy of the mind, and see what
 discoveries we can make by it.

IN order to this we must first shew the
 correspondence of *passions* in men and ani-
 mals, and afterwards compare the *causes*,
 which produce these passions.

'TIS plain, that almost in every species
 of creatures, but especially of the nobler
 kind, there are many evident marks of pride
 and humility. The very port and gait of a
 swan, or turkey, or peacock show the high
 idea he has entertain'd of himself, and his
 contempt of all others. This is the more
 remarkable, that in the two last species of
 animals, the pride always attends the beauty,
 and is discover'd in the male only. The
 vanity and emulation of nightingales in sing-
 ing have been commonly remark'd; as like-
 wise that of horses in swiftness, of hounds
 in sagacity and smell, of the bull and cock
 in strength, and of every other animal in
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PART his particular excellency. Add to this, that
 I. every species of creatures, which approach
 Of pride so often to man, as to familiarize themselves
 and humi- with him, shew an evident pride in his ap-
 lity. pro- bation, and are pleas'd with his praises
 and careffes, independent of every other con-
 sideration. Nor are they the careffes of eve-
 ry one without distinction, which give them
 this vanity, but those principally of the
 persons they know and love; in the same
 manner as that passion is excited in man-
 kind. All these are evident proofs, that
 pride and humility are not merely human
 passions, but extend themselves over the
 whole animal creation.

THE *causes* of these passions are likewise
 much the same in beasts as in us, making
 a just allowance for our superior knowledge
 and understanding. Thus animals have little
 or no sense of virtue or vice; they quickly
 lose sight of the relations of blood; and are
 incapable of that of right and property: For
 which reason the causes of their pride and
 humility must lie solely in the body, and
 can never be plac'd either in the mind or
 external objects. But so far as regards the
 body, the same qualities cause pride in the
 animal as in the human kind; and 'tis on
 beauty, strength, swiftnes or some other
 useful

useful or agreeable quality that this passion is always founded.

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THE next question is, whether, since those passions are the same, and arise from the same causes thro' the whole creation, the manner, in which the causes operate, be also the same. According to all rules of analogy, this is justly to be expected; and if we find upon trial, that the explication of these phænomena, which we make use of in one species, will not apply to the rest, we may presume that that explication, however specious, is in reality without foundation.

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IN order to decide this question, let us consider, that there is evidently the same relation of ideas, and deriv'd from the same causes, in the minds of animals as in those of men. A dog, that has hid a bone, often forgets the place; but when brought to it, his thought passes easily to what he formerly conceal'd, by means of the contiguity, which produces a relation among his ideas. In like manner, when he has been heartily beat in any place, he will tremble on his approach to it, even tho' he discover no signs of any present danger. The effects of resemblance are not so remarkable; but as that relation



PART relation makes a considerable ingredient in
 I. causation, of which all animals shew so evi-
 dent a judgment, we may conclude that the
 three relations of resemblance, contiguity
 and causation operate in the same manner
 upon beasts as upon human creatures.

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THERE are also instances of the relation
 of impressions, sufficient to convince us, that
 there is an union of certain affections with
 each other in the inferior species of crea-
 tures as well as in the superior, and that
 their minds are frequently convey'd thro' a
 series of connected emotions. A dog, when
 elevated with joy, runs naturally into love
 and kindness, whether of his master or of
 the sex. In like manner, when full of pain
 and sorrow, he becomes quarrellsome and
 ill-natur'd; and that passion, which at first
 was grief, is by the smallest occasion con-
 verted into anger.

THUS all the internal principles, that
 are necessary in us to produce either pride
 or humility, are common to all crea-
 tures; and since the causes, which excite
 these passions, are likewise the same, we
 may justly conclude, that these causes ope-
 rate after the same *manner* thro' the whole
 animal creation. My hypothesis is so simple,
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and supposes so little reflection and judgment, that 'tis applicable to every sensible creature; which must not only be allow'd to be a convincing proof of its veracity, but, I am confident, will be found an objection to every other system.

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Of the object and causes of love and hatred.


 IS altogether impossible to give S E C T. I. any definition of the passions of *love and hatred*; and that because they produce merely a simple impression, without any mixture or composition. 'Twou'd be as unnecessary to attempt any description of them, drawn from their nature, origin, causes and objects; and that both because these are the subjects of our present enquiry, and because these passions of themselves are sufficiently known from our common feeling and experience. This we have already observ'd concerning pride and humility,

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humility, and here repeat it concerning love and hatred; and indeed there is so great a resemblance betwixt these two sets of passions, that we shall be oblig'd to begin with a kind of abridgment of our reasonings concerning the former, in order to explain the latter.

As the immediate *object* of pride and humility is self or that identical person, of whose thoughts, actions, and sensations we are intimately conscious; so the *object* of love and hatred is some other person, of whose thoughts, actions, and sensations we are not conscious. This is sufficiently evident from experience. Our love and hatred are always directed to some sensible being external to us; and when we talk of *self-love*, 'tis not in a proper sense, nor has the sensation it produces any thing in common with that tender emotion, which is excited by a friend or mistress. 'Tis the same case with hatred. We may be mortified by our own faults and follies; but never feel any anger or hatred, except from the injuries of others.

BUT tho' the object of love and hatred be always some other person, 'tis plain that the object is not, properly speaking, the *cause* of these passions, or alone sufficient to excite

excite them. For since love and hatred are directly contrary in their sensation, and have the same object in common, if that object were also their cause, it wou'd produce these opposite passions in an equal degree; and as they must, from the very first moment, destroy each other, none of them wou'd ever be able to make its appearance. There must, therefore, be some cause different from the object.

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IF we consider the causes of love and hatred, we shall find they are very much diversify'd, and have not many things in common. The virtue, knowledge, wit, good sense, good humour of any person, produce love and esteem; as the opposite qualities, hatred and contempt. The same passions arise from bodily accomplishments, such as beauty, force, swiftness, dexterity; and from their contraries; as likewise from the external advantages and disadvantages of family, possessions, cloaths, nation and climate. There is not one of these objects, but what by its different qualities may produce love and esteem, or hatred and contempt.

FROM the view of these causes we may derive a new distinction betwixt the *quality* that operates, and the *subject* on which it



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is plac'd. A prince, that is possess'd of a stately palace, commands the esteem of the people upon that account; and that *first*, by the beauty of the palace, and *secondly*, by the relation of property, which connects it with him. The removal of either of these destroys the passion; which evidently proves that the cause is a compounded one.

'TWOU'D be tedious to trace the passions of love and hatred, thro' all the observations which we have form'd concerning pride and humility, and which are equally applicable to both sets of passions. 'Twill be sufficient to *remark* in general, that the object of love and hatred is evidently some thinking person; and that the sensation of the former passion is always agreeable, and of the latter uneasy. We may also *suppose* with some shew of probability, *that the cause of both these passions is always related to a thinking being, and that the cause of the former produce a separate pleasure, and of the latter a separate uneasiness.*

ONE of these suppositions, *viz.* that the cause of love and hatred must be related to a person or thinking being, in order to produce these passions, is not only probable, but too evident to be contested. Virtue and vice, when consider'd in the abstract; beauty

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and deformity, when plac'd on inanimate objects; poverty and riches, when belonging to a third person, excite no degree of love or hatred, esteem or contempt towards those, who have no relation to them.

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A person looking out at a window, sees me in the street, and beyond me a beautiful palace, with which I have no concern: I believe none will pretend, that this person will pay me the same respect, as if I were owner of the palace.

'Tis not so evident at first sight, that a relation of impressions is requisite to these passions, and that because in the transition the one impression is so much confounded with the other, that they become in a manner undistinguishable. But as in pride and humility, we have easily been able to make the separation, and to prove, that every cause of these passions produces a separate pain or pleasure, I might here observe the same method with the same success, in examining particularly the several causes of love and hatred. But as I hasten to a full and decisive proof of these systems, I delay this examination for a moment: And in the mean time shall endeavour to convert to my present purpose all my reasonings concerning pride and humility.

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PART lity, by an argument that is founded on unquestionable experience.

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THERE are few persons, that are satisfy'd with their own character, or genius, or fortune, who are not desirous of shewing themselves to the world, and of acquiring the love and approbation of mankind. Now 'tis evident, that the very same qualities and circumstances, which are the causes of pride or self-esteem, are also the causes of vanity or the desire of reputation; and that we always put to view those particulars with which in ourselves we are best satisfy'd. But if love and esteem were not produc'd by the same qualities as pride, according as these qualities are related to ourselves or others, this method of proceeding wou'd be very absurd, nor cou'd men expect a correspondence in the sentiments of every other person, with those themselves have entertain'd. 'Tis true, few can form exact systems of the passions, or make reflections on their general nature and resemblances. But without such a progress in philosophy, we are not subject to many mistakes in this particular, but are sufficiently guided by common experience, as well as by a kind of *presensation*; which tells us what will operate on others, by what we feel immediately

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ately in ourselves. Since then the same S E C T. I.
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 be applicable with equal evidence to the
 causes of the latter.*

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U P O N duly weighing these argu- S E C T. II.
 ments, no one will make any scruple to assent to that conclusion I draw from
 them, concerning the transition along related impressions and ideas, especially as 'tis
 a principle, in itself, so easy and natural. But that we may place this system beyond doubt
 both with regard to love and hatred, pride and humility, 'twill be proper to make some
 new experiments upon all these passions, as well as to recal a few of these observations,
 which I have formerly touch'd upon.

I N order to make these experiments, let us suppose I am in company with a person,
 whom I formerly regarded without any sen-



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 Of love all these four passions plac'd before me. My-
 and ha- self am the proper object of pride or humi-
 tred. lity; the other person of love or hatred.

REGARD now with attention the nature
 of these passions, and their situation with
 respect to each other. 'Tis evident here are
 four affections, plac'd, as it were, in a
 square or regular connexion with, and dis-
 tance from each other. The passions of
 pride and humility, as well as those of love
 and hatred, are connected together by the
 identity of their object, which to the first
 set of passions is self, to the second some
 other person. These two lines of com-
 munication or connexion form two oppo-
 site sides of the square. Again, pride and
 love are agreeable passions; hatred and hu-
 mility uneasy. This similitude of sensation
 betwixt pride and love, and that betwixt
 humility and hatred form a new connexion,
 and may be consider'd as the other two
 sides of the square. Upon the whole, pride
 is connected with humility, love with ha-
 tred, by their objects or ideas: Pride with
 love, humility with hatred, by their sensa-
 tions or impressions.

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I SAY then, that nothing can produce any of these passions without bearing it a double relation, *viz.* of ideas to the object of the passion, and of sensation to the passion itself. This we must prove by our experiments.

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FIRST EXPERIMENT. To proceed with the greater order in these experiments, let us first suppose, that being plac'd in the situation above-mention'd, *viz.* in company with some other person, there is an object presented, that has no relation either of impressions or ideas to any of these passions. Thus suppose we regard together an ordinary stone, or other common object, belonging to neither of us, and causing of itself no emotion, or independent pain and pleasure: 'Tis evident such an object will produce none of these four passions. Let us try it upon each of them successively. Let us apply it to love, to hatred, to humility, to pride; none of them ever arises in the smallest degree imaginable. Let us change the object, as oft as we please; provided still we choose one, that has neither of these two relations. Let us repeat the experiment in all the dispositions, of which the mind is susceptible. No object, in the vast variety of nature, will, in any disposition,

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SECOND EXPERIMENT. Since an object, that wants both these relations can ever produce any passion, let us bestow on it only one of these relations; and see what will follow. Thus suppose, I regard a stone or any common object, that belongs either to me or my companion, and by that means acquires a relation of ideas to the object of the passions: 'Tis plain, that to consider the matter *a priori*, no emotion of any kind can reasonably be expected. For besides, that a relation of ideas operates secretly and calmly on the mind, it bestows an equal impulse towards the opposite passions of pride and humility, love and hatred, according as the object belongs to ourselves or others; which opposition of the passions must destroy both, and leave the mind perfectly free from any affection or emotion. This reasoning *a priori* is confirm'd by experience. No trivial or vulgar object, that causes not a pain or pleasure, independent of the passion, will ever, by its property or other relations, either to ourselves or others, be able to produce the affections of pride or humility, love or hatred.

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THIRD EXPERIMENT. 'Tis evident, SECT. II.
therefore, that a relation of ideas is not able alone to give rise to these affections.

Let us now remove this relation, and in its stead place a relation of impressions, by presenting an object, which is agreeable or disagreeable, but has no relation either to ourself or companion; and let us observe the consequences. To consider the matter first *a priori*, as in the preceding experiment; we may conclude, that the object will have a small, but an uncertain connexion with these passions. For besides, that this relation is not a cold and imperceptible one, it has not the inconvenience of the relation of ideas, nor directs us with equal force to two contrary passions, which by their opposition destroy each other. But if we consider, on the other hand, that this transition from the sensation to the affection is not forwarded by any principle, that produces a transition of ideas; but, on the contrary, that tho' the one impression be easily transfus'd into the other, yet the change of objects is suppos'd contrary to all the principles, that cause a transition of that kind; we may from thence infer, that nothing will ever be a steady or durable cause of any passion, that is connected with the passion merely by a relation

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PART relation of impressions. What our reason
 II. would conclude from analogy, after bal-
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 lancings these arguments, would be, that
 an object, which produces pleasure or un-
 easiness, but has no manner of connexion
 either with ourselves or others, may give
 such a turn to the disposition, as that it may
 naturally fall into pride or love, humility
 or hatred, and search for other objects, up-
 on which, by a double relation, it can
 find these affections; but that an object,
 which has only one of these relations, tho'
 the most advantageous one, can never give
 rise to any constant and establish'd passion.

MOST fortunately all this reasoning is
 found to be exactly conformable to expe-
 rience, and the phænomena of the passions.
 Suppose I were travelling with a compa-
 nion thro' a country, to which we are both
 utter strangers; 'tis evident, that if the pro-
 spects be beautiful, the roads agreeable, and
 the inns commodious, this may put me in-
 to good humour both with myself and fel-
 low-traveller. But as we suppose, that this
 country has no relation either to myself or
 friend, it can never be the immediate cause of
 pride or love; and therefore if I found not
 the passion on some other object, that bears
 either of us a closer relation, my emotions
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are rather to be consider'd as the overflow-
ings of an elevate or humane disposition,
than as an establish'd passion. The case is
the same where the object produces uneasi-
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FOURTH EXPERIMENT. Having found,
that neither an object without any relation
of ideas or impressions, nor an object, that
has only one relation, can ever cause pride
or humility, love or hatred; reason alone
may convince us, without any farther ex-
periment, that whatever has a double rela-
tion must necessarily excite these passions;
since 'tis evident they must have some cause.
But to leave as little room for doubt as pos-
sible, let us renew our experiments, and
see whether the event in this case answers
our expectation. I choose an object, such
as virtue, that causes a separate satisfaction:
On this object I bestow a relation to self;
and find, that from this disposition of af-
fairs, there immediately arises a passion. But
what passion? That very one of pride, to
which this object bears a double relation.
Its idea is related to that of self, the object
of the passion: The sensation it causes re-
sembles the sensation of the passion. That
I may be sure I am not mistaken in this
experiment, I remove first one relation; then
another;



PART another; and find, that each removal destroys the passion, and leaves the object perfectly indifferent. But I am not content with this. I make a still farther trial; and instead of removing the relation, I only change it for one of a different kind. I suppose the virtue to belong to my companion, not to myself; and observe what follows from this alteration. I immediately perceive the affections wheel about, and leaving pride, where there is only one relation, *viz.* of impressions, fall to the side of love, where they are attracted by a double relation of impressions and ideas. By repeating the same experiment, in changing anew the relation of ideas, I bring the affections back to pride; and by a new repetition I again place them at love or kindness. Being fully convinc'd of the influence of this relation, I try the effects of the other; and by changing virtue for vice, convert the pleasant impression, which arises from the former, into the disagreeable one, which proceeds from the latter. The effect still answers expectation. Vice, when plac'd on another, excites, by means of its double relations, the passion of hatred, instead of love, which for the same reason arises from virtue. To continue the experiment, I change anew the relation

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 myself. What follows? What is usual. **A II.**
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 tred to humility. This humility I convert
 into pride by a new change of the impres-
 sion; and find after all that I have com-
 pleted the round, and have by these changes
 brought back the passion to that very
 situation, in which I first found it.

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BUT to make the matter still more cer-
 tain, I alter the object; and instead of vice
 and virtue, make the trial upon beauty and
 deformity, riches and poverty, power and
 servitude. Each of these objects runs the
 circle of the passions in the same manner,
 by a change of their relations: And in what-
 ever order we proceed, whether thro' pride,
 love, hatred, humility, or thro' humility,
 hatred, love, pride, the experiment is not
 in the least diversify'd. Esteem and con-
 tempt, indeed, arise on some occasions in-
 stead of love and hatred; but these are at
 the bottom the same passions, only diver-
 sify'd by some causes, which we shall ex-
 plain afterwards.

FIFTH EXPERIMENT. To give greater
 authority to these experiments, let us change
 the situation of affairs as much as possible,
 and place the passions and objects in all the
 different

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BEFORE we consider what they are in fact, let us determine what they ought to be, conformable to my hypothesis. 'Tis plain, that, according as the impression is either pleasant or uneasy, the passion of love or hatred must arise towards the person, who is thus connected to the cause of the impression by these double relations, which I have all along requir'd. The virtue of a brother must make me love him; as his vice or infamy must excite the contrary passion. But to judge only from the situation of affairs, I shou'd not expect, that the affections wou'd rest there, and never transfuse themselves into any other impression. As there is here a person, who by means of

a double relation is the object of my passion, the very same reasoning leads me to think the passion will be carry'd farther.

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The person has a relation of ideas to myself, according to the supposition; the passion, of which he is the object, by being either agreeable or uneasy, has a relation of impressions to pride or humility. 'Tis evident, then, that one of these passions must arise from the love or hatred.

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THIS is the reasoning I form in conformity to my hypothesis; and am pleas'd to find upon trial that every thing answers exactly to my expectation. The virtue or vice of a son or brother not only excites love or hatred, but by a new transition, from similar causes, gives rise to pride or humility. Nothing causes greater vanity than any shining quality in our relations; as nothing mortifies us more than their vice or infamy. This exact conformity of experience to our reasoning is a convincing proof of the solidity of that hypothesis, upon which we reason.

SIXTH EXPERIMENT. This evidence will be still augmented, if we reverse the experiment, and preserving still the same relations, begin only with a different passion.



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'TIS evident, that as we are at all times SECT. intimately conscious of ourselves, our senti- II. ments and passions, their ideas must strike upon us with greater vivacity than the ideas of the sentiments and passions of any other person. But every thing, that strikes upon us with vivacity, and appears in a full and strong light, forces itself, in a manner, into our consideration, and becomes present to the mind on the smallest hint and most trivial relation. For the same reason, when it is once present, it engages the attention, and keeps it from wandering to other objects, however strong may be their relation to our first object. The imagination passes easily from obscure to lively ideas, but with difficulty from lively to obscure. In the one case the relation is aided by another principle: In the other case, 'tis oppos'd by it.

Now I have observ'd, that those two faculties of the mind, the imagination and passions, assist each other in their operation, when their propensities are similar, and when they act upon the same object. The mind has always a propensity to pass from a passion to any other related to it; and this propensity is forwarded when the object of the one passion is related to that of the other. The two impulses concur with each

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 II. smooth and easy. But if it shou'd happen,
Of love and hatred. that while the relation of ideas, strictly speaking, continues the same, its influence, in causing a transition of the imagination, shou'd no longer take place, 'tis evident its influence on the passions must also cease, as being dependent entirely on that transition. This is the reason why pride or humility is not transfus'd into love or hatred with the same ease, that the latter passions are chang'd into the former. If a person be my brother I am his likewise: But tho' the relations be reciprocal, they have very different effects on the imagination. The passage is smooth and open from the consideration of any person related to us to that of ourself, of whom we are every moment conscious. But when the affections are once directed to ourself, the fancy passes not with the same facility from that object to any other person, how closely so ever connected with us. This easy or difficult transition of the imagination operates upon the passions, and facilitates or retards their transition; which is a clear proof, that these two faculties of the passions and imagination are connected together, and that the relations of ideas have an influence upon the affections.

affections. Besides innumerable experiments that prove this, we here find, that even when the relation remains; if by any particular circumstance its usual effect upon the fancy in producing an association or transference of ideas, is prevented; its usual effect upon the passions, in conveying us from one to another, is in like manner prevented.

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SOME may, perhaps, find a contradiction betwixt this phenomenon and that of sympathy, where the mind passes easily from the idea of ourselves to that of any other object related to us. But this difficulty will vanish, if we consider that in sympathy our own person is not the object of any passion, nor is there any thing, that fixes our attention on ourselves; as in the present case, where we are suppos'd to be actuated with pride or humility. Ourselves, independent of the perception of every other object, is in reality nothing: For which reason we must turn our view to external objects; and 'tis natural for us to consider with most attention such as lie contiguous to us, or resemble us. But when self is the object of a passion, 'tis not natural to quit the consideration of it, till the passion be exhausted; in which case the double relations of impressions and ideas can no longer operate.



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II. whole reasoning to a farther trial, let us
 make a new experiment; and as we have
 already seen the effects of related passions
 and ideas, let us here suppose an identity
 of passions along with a relation of ideas;
 and let us consider the effects of this new
 situation. 'Tis evident a transition of the
 passions from the one object to the other is
 here in all reason to be expected; since the
 relation of ideas is suppos'd still to continue,
 and an identity of impressions must produce
 a stronger connexion, than the most perfect
 resemblance, that can be imagin'd. If a
 double relation, therefore, of impressions and
 ideas is able to produce a transition from
 one to the other, much more an identity
 of impressions with a relation of ideas. Ac-
 cordingly we find, that when we either love
 or hate any person, the passions seldom con-
 tinue within their first bounds; but extend
 themselves towards all the contiguous ob-
 jects, and comprehend the friends and re-
 lations of him we love or hate. Nothing
 is more natural than to bear a kindness to
 one brother on account of our friendship for
 another, without any farther examination
 of his character. A quarrel with one per-
 son gives us a hatred for the whole family,
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tho' entirely innocent of that, which displeas us. Instances of this kind are every where to be met with.

THERE is only one difficulty in this experiment, which it will be necessary to account for, before we proceed any farther. 'Tis evident, that tho' all passions pass easily from one object to another related to it, yet this transition is made with greater facility, where the more considerable object is first presented, and the lesser follows it, than where this order is revers'd, and the lesser takes the precedence. Thus 'tis more natural for us to love the son upon account of the father, than the father upon account of the son; the servant for the master, than the master for the servant; the subject for the prince, than the prince for the subject. In like manner we more readily contract a hatred against a whole family, where our first quarrel is with the head of it, than where we are displeas'd with a son, or servant, or some inferior member. In short, our passions, like other objects, descend with greater facility than they ascend.

THAT we may comprehend, wherein consists the difficulty of explaining this phenomenon, we must consider, that the very same reason, which determines the imagi-

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nation to pass from remote to contiguous objects, with more facility than from contiguous to remote, causes it likewise to change with more ease, the less for the greater, than the greater for the less. Whatever has the greatest influence is most taken notice of; and whatever is most taken notice of, presents itself most readily to the imagination. We are more apt to overlook in any subject, what is trivial, than what appears of considerable moment; but especially if the latter takes the precedence, and first engages our attention. Thus if any accident makes us consider the *Satellites* of *Jupiter*, our fancy is naturally determin'd to form the idea of that planet; but if we first reflect on the principal planet, 'tis more natural for us to overlook its attendants. The mention of the provinces of any empire conveys our thought to the seat of the empire; but the fancy returns not with the same facility to the consideration of the provinces. The idea of the servant makes us think of the master; that of the subject carries our view to the prince. But the same relation has not an equal influence in conveying us back again. And on this is founded that reproach of *Cornelia* to her sons, that they ought to be ashamed she shou'd

shou'd be more known by the title of the daughter of *Scipio*, than by that of the mother of the *Gracchi*. This was, in other words, exhorting them to render themselves as illustrious and famous as their grandfather, otherwise the imagination of the people, passing from her who was intermediate, and plac'd in an equal relation to both, wou'd always leave them, and denominate her by what was more considerable and of greater moment. On the same principle is founded that common custom of making wives bear the name of their husbands, rather than husbands that of their wives; as also the ceremony of giving the precedency to those, whom we honour and respect. We might find many other instances to confirm this principle, were it not already sufficiently evident.

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Now since the fancy finds the same facility in passing from the lesser to the greater, as from remote to contiguous, why does not this easy transition of ideas assist the transition of passions in the former case, as well as in the latter? The virtues of a friend or brother produce first love, and then pride; because in that case the imagination passes from remote to contiguous, according to its propensity. Our own virtues produce not first pride, and then love to a friend or



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 II. would be from contiguous to remote, con-
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 tred. passion to the superior, tho' that be the na-
 tural propensity of the imagination: While
 the love or hatred of a superior, causes a
 passion to the inferior, contrary to its pro-
 propensity. In short, the same facility of tran-
 sition operates not in the same manner upon
 superior and inferior as upon contiguous and
 remote. These two phænomena appear con-
 tradictory, and require some attention to be
 reconcil'd.

As the transition of ideas is here made
 contrary to the natural propensity of the
 imagination, that faculty must be over-
 power'd by some stronger principle of an-
 other kind; and as there is nothing ever
 present to the mind but impressions and
 ideas, this principle must necessarily lie in
 the impressions. Now it has been observ'd,
 that impressions or passions are connected
 only by their resemblance, and that where
 any two passions place the mind in the
 same or in similar dispositions, it very na-
 turally passes from the one to the other:
 As on the contrary, a repugnance in the dis-
 positions produces a difficulty in the transi-
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tion of the passions. But 'tis observable, SECT.
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to a great degree of either of these affections.
A man, when calm or only moderately agitated, is so different, in every respect, from himself, when disturbed with a violent passion, that no two persons can be more unlike; nor is it easy to pass from the one extreme to the other, without a considerable interval betwixt them.

THE difficulty is not less, if it be not rather greater, in passing from the strong passion to the weak, than in passing from the weak to the strong, provided the one passion upon its appearance destroys the other, and they do not both of them exist at once. But the case is entirely alter'd, when the passions unite together, and actuate the mind at the same time. A weak passion, when added to a strong, makes not so considerable change in the disposition, as a strong when added to a weak; for which reason there is a closer connexion betwixt the great degree and the small, than betwixt the small degree and the great.

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PART II. THE degree of any passion depends upon the nature of its object; and an affection directed to a person, who is considerable in our eyes, fills and possesses the mind much more than one, which has for its object a person we esteem of less consequence. Here then the contradiction betwixt the propensities of the imagination and passion displays itself. When we turn our thought to a great and a small object, the imagination finds more facility in passing from the small to the great, than from the great to the small; but the affections find a greater difficulty: And as the affections are a more powerful principle than the imagination, no wonder they prevail over it, and draw the mind to their side. In spite of the difficulty of passing from the idea of great to that of little, a passion directed to the former, produces always a similar passion towards the latter; when the great and little are related together. The idea of the servant conveys our thought most readily to the master; but the hatred or love of the master produces with greater facility anger or good-will to the servant. The strongest passion in this case takes the precedence; and the addition of the weaker making no considerable change on the disposition,

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fition, the passage is by that means render'd more easy and natural betwixt them. S E C T. II.

As in the foregoing experiment we found, that a relation of ideas, which, by any particular circumstance, ceases to produce its usual effect of facilitating the transition of ideas, ceases likewise to operate on the passions; so in the present experiment we find the same property of the impressions. Two different degrees of the same passion are surely related together; but if the smaller be first present, it has little or no tendency to introduce the greater; and that because the addition of the great to the little, produces a more sensible alteration on the temper, than the addition of the little to the great. These phenomena, when duly weigh'd, will be found convincing proofs of this hypothesis.

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AND these proofs will be confirm'd, if we consider the manner in which the mind here reconciles the contradiction, I have observ'd betwixt the passions and the imagination. The fancy passes with more facility from the less to the greater, than from the greater to the less: But on the contrary a violent passion produces more easily a feeble, than that does a violent. In this opposition the passion in the end prevails over

PART over the imagination; but 'tis commonly
 I. by complying with it, and by seeking another
 quality, which may counter-balance that principle, from whence the opposition arises. When we love the father or master of a family, we little think of his children or servants. But when these are present with us, or when it lies any ways in our power to serve them, the nearness and contiguity in this case encreases their magnitude, or at least removes that opposition, which the fancy makes to the transition of the affections. If the imagination finds a difficulty in passing from greater to less, it finds an equal facility in passing from remote to contiguous, which brings the matter to an equality, and leaves the way open from the one passion to the other.

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EIGHTH EXPERIMENT. I have observ'd that the transition from love or hatred to pride or humility, is more easy than from pride or humility to love or hatred; and that the difficulty, which the imagination finds in passing from contiguous to remote, is the cause why we scarce have any instance of the latter transition of the affections. I must, however, make one exception, *viz.* when the very cause of the pride and humility is plac'd in some other person.

person. For in that case the imagination is necessitated to consider the person, nor can it possibly confine its view to ourselves. Thus nothing more readily produces kindness and affection to any person, than his approbation of our conduct and character: As on the other hand, nothing inspires us with a stronger hatred, than his blame or contempt. Here 'tis evident, that the original passion is pride or humility, whose object is self; and that this passion is transfus'd into love or hatred, whose object is some other person, notwithstanding the rule I have already establish'd, *that the imagination passes with difficulty from contiguous to remote.* But the transition in this case is not made merely on account of the relation betwixt ourselves and the person; but because that very person is the real cause of our first passion, and of consequence is intimately connected with it. 'Tis his approbation that produces pride; and disapprobation, humility. No wonder, then, the imagination returns back again attended with the related passions of love and hatred. This is not a contradiction, but an exception to the rule; and an exception that arises from the same reason with the rule itself.

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SUCH an exception as this is, therefore, rather a confirmation of the rule. And indeed, if we consider all the eight experiments I have explain'd, we shall find that the same principle appears in all of them, and that 'tis by means of a transition arising from a double relation of impressions and ideas, pride and humility, love and hatred are produc'd. An object without * a relation, or † with but one, never produces either of these passions; and 'tis ‡ found that the passion always varies in conformity to the relation. Nay we may observe, that where the relation, by any particular circumstance, has not its usual effect of producing a transition either of ** ideas or of impressions, it ceases to operate upon the passions, and gives rise neither to pride nor love, humility nor hatred. This rule we find still to hold good ††, even under the appearance of its contrary; and as relation is frequently experienc'd to have no effect; which upon examination is found to proceed from some particular circumstance, that prevents the transition; so even in instances, where that circumstance, tho' present, prevents not the

* First Experiment † Second and Third Experiments.
 ‡ Fourth Experiment. ** Sixth Experiment.
 †† Seventh and Eighth Experiments.

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transition, 'tis found to arise from some other circumstance, which counter-ballances it. Thus not only the variations resolve themselves into the general principle, but even the variations of these variations.

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AFTER so many and such undeniable proofs drawn from daily experience and observation, it may seem superfluous to enter into a particular examination of all the causes of love and hatred. I shall, therefore, employ the sequel of this part, *First*, In removing some difficulties, concerning particular causes of these passions. *Secondly*, In examining the compound affections, which arise from the mixture of love and hatred with other emotions.

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NOTHING is more evident, than that any person acquires our kindness, or is expos'd to our ill-will, in proportion to the pleasure or uneasiness we receive from him, and that the passions keep pace exactly with the sensations in all their changes and variations. Whoever can find the means either by his services, his beauty, or his flattery, to render

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der himself useful or agreeable to us, is sure of our affections: As on the other hand, whoever harms or displeases us never fails to excite our anger or hatred. When our own nation is at war with any other, we detest them under the character of cruel, perfidious, unjust and violent: But always esteem ourselves and allies equitable, moderate, and merciful. If the general of our enemies be successful, 'tis with difficulty we allow him the figure and character of a man. He is a forcerer: He has a communication with dæmons; as is reported of *Oliver Cromwell*, and the *Duke of Luxembourg*: He is bloody-minded, and takes a pleasure in death and destruction. But if the success be on our side, our commander has all the opposite good qualities, and is a pattern of virtue, as well as of courage and conduct. His treachery we call policy: His cruelty is an evil inseparable from war. In short, every one of his faults we either endeavour to extenuate, or dignify it with the name of that virtue, which approaches it. 'Tis evident the same method of thinking runs thro' common life.

THERE are some, who add another condition, and require not only that the pain and pleasure arise from the person, but likewise

wife that it arise knowingly, and with a particular design and intention. A man, who wounds and harms us by accident, becomes not our enemy upon that account, nor do we think ourselves bound by any ties of gratitude to one, who does us any service after the same manner. By the intention we judge of the actions, and according as that is good or bad, they become causes of love or hatred.

BUT here we must make a distinction. If that quality in another, which pleases or displeases, be constant and inherent in his person and character, it will cause love or hatred independent of the intention: But otherwise a knowledge and design is requisite, in order to give rise to these passions. One that is disagreeable by his deformity or folly is the object of our aversion, tho' nothing be more certain, than that he has not the least intention of displeasing us by these qualities. But if the uneasiness proceed not from a quality, but an action, which is produc'd and annihilated in a moment, 'tis necessary, in order to produce some relation, and connect this action sufficiently with the person, that it be deriv'd from a particular fore-thought and design. 'Tis not enough, that the action arise from the

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person, and have him for its immediate cause and author. This relation alone is too feeble and inconstant to be a foundation for these passions. It reaches not the sensible and thinking part, and neither proceeds from any thing *durable* in him, nor leaves any thing behind it; but passes in a moment, and is as if it had never been. On the other hand, an intention shews certain qualities, which remaining after the action is perform'd, connect it with the person, and facilitate the transition of ideas from one to the other. We can never think of him without reflecting on these qualities; unless repentance and a change of life have produc'd an alteration in that respect: In which case the passion is likewise alter'd. This therefore is one reason, why an intention is requisite to excite either love or hatred.

BUT we must farther consider, that an intention, besides its strengthening the relation of ideas, is often necessary to produce a relation of impressions, and give rise to pleasure and uneasiness. For 'tis observable, that the principal part of an injury is the contempt and hatred, which it shews in the person, that injures us; and without that, the mere harm gives us a less sensible uneasiness.

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 is agreeable, chiefly because it flatters our III.
 vanity, and is a proof of the kindness and Difficulties
 esteem of the person, who performs it. John d.

The removal of the intention, removes the mortification in the one case, and vanity in the other; and must of course cause a remarkable diminution in the passions of love and hatred.

I GRANT, that these effects of the removal of design, in diminishing the relations of impressions and ideas, are not entire, nor able to remove every degree of these relations. But then I ask, if the removal of design be able entirely to remove the passion of love and hatred? Experience, I am sure, informs us of the contrary, nor is there any thing more certain, than that men often fall into a violent anger for injuries, which they themselves must own to be entirely involuntary and accidental. This emotion, indeed, cannot be of long continuance; but still is sufficient to shew, that there is a natural connexion betwixt uneasiness and anger, and that the relation of impressions will operate upon a very small relation of ideas. But when the violence of the impression is once a little abated, the defect of the relation begins to be better felt;



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To illustrate this doctrine by a parallel instance, we may observe, that not only the uneasiness, which proceeds from another by accident, has but little force to excite our passion, but also that which arises from an acknowledg'd necessity and duty. One that has a real design of harming us, proceeding not from hatred and ill-will, but from justice and equity, draws not upon him our anger, if we be in any degree reasonable; notwithstanding he is both the cause, and the knowing cause of our sufferings. Let us examine a little this phenomenon.

'Tis evident in the first place, that this circumstance is not decisive; and tho' it may be able to diminish the passions, 'tis seldom it can entirely remove them. How few criminals are there, who have no ill-will to the person, that accuses them, or to the judge, that condemns them, even tho' they be conscious of their own deserts? In like manner our antagonist in a law-suit, and our competitor for any office,

office, are commonly regarded as our ene-
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 tive is entirely as justifiable as our own.

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BESIDES we may consider, that when
 we receive harm from any person, we are
 apt to imagine him criminal, and 'tis with
 extreme difficulty we allow of his justice
 and innocence. This is a clear proof, that,
 independent of the opinion of iniquity, any
 harm or uneasiness has a natural tendency
 to excite our hatred, and that afterwards we
 seek for reasons upon which we may justi-
 fy and establish the passion. Here the idea
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NOR is it any wonder that passion shou'd
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 possible. The removal of injury may re-
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 anger arises only from the injury. The
 harm and the justice are two contrary ob-
 jects, of which the one has a tendency to
 produce hatred, and the other love; and
 'tis according to their different degrees, and
 our particular turn of thinking, that either



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SECT. IV. **H**AVING given a reason, why several actions, that cause a real pleasure or uneasiness, excite not any degree, or but a small one, of the passion of love or hatred towards the actors; 'twill be necessary to shew, wherein consists the pleasure or uneasiness of many objects, which we find by experience to produce these passions.

ACCORDING to the preceding system there is always requir'd a double relation of impressions and ideas betwixt the cause and effect, in order to produce either love or hatred. But tho' this be universally true, 'tis remarkable that the passion of love may be excited by only one *relation* of a different kind, *viz.* betwixt ourselves and the object; or more properly speaking, that this relation is always attended with both the others. Whoever is united to us by any connexion is always sure of a share of our love, proportion'd to the connexion, without enquiring into his other qualities. Thus
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 parents to their children, and a lesser degree
 of the same affection, as the relation les-
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 fect, but any other relation without excep-
 tion. We love our country-men, our neigh-
 bours, those of the same trade, profession,
 and even name with ourselves. Every one
 of these relations is esteem'd some tie, and
 gives a title to a share of our affection.

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THERE is another phænomenon, which
 is parallel to this, *viz.* that *acquaintance*,
 without any kind of relation, gives rise to
 love and kindness. When we have contrac-
 ted a habitude and intimacy with any per-
 son; tho' in frequenting his company we
 have not been able to discover any very va-
 luable quality, of which he is possess'd; yet
 we cannot forbear preferring him to stran-
 gers, of whose superior merit we are fully
 convinc'd. These two phænomena of the
 effects of relation and acquaintance will give
 mutual light to each other, and may be
 both explain'd from the same principle.

THOSE, who take a pleasure in declaim-
 ing against human nature, have observ'd,
 that man is altogether insufficient to support
 himself; and that when you loosen all the



PART holds, which he has of external objects, he immediately drops down into the deepest melancholy and despair. From this, say they, proceeds that continual search after amusement in gaming, in hunting, in business; by which we endeavour to forget ourselves, and excite our spirits from the languid state, into which they fall, when not sustain'd by some brisk and lively emotion. To this method of thinking I so far agree, that I own the mind to be insufficient, of itself, to its own entertainment, and that it naturally seeks after foreign objects, which may produce a lively sensation, and agitate the spirits. On the appearance of such an object it awakes, as it were, from a dream: The blood flows with a new tide: The heart is elevated: And the whole man acquires a vigour, which he cannot command in his solitary and calm moments. Hence company is naturally so rejoicing, as presenting the liveliest of all objects, *viz.* a rational and thinking Being like ourselves, who communicates to us all the actions of his mind; makes us privy to his inmost sentiments and affections; and lets us see, in the very instant of their production, all the emotions, which are caus'd by any object. Every lively idea is agreeable, but especially that

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comes a kind of passion, and gives a more
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THIS being once admitted, all the rest is
easy. For as the company of strangers is
agreeable to us for *a short time*, by inli-
vening our thought; so the company of
our relations and acquaintance must be pe-
culiarly agreeable, because it has this effect
in a greater degree, and is of more *durable*
influence. Whatever is related to us is con-
ceiv'd in a lively manner by the easy tran-
sition from ourselves to the related object.
Custom also, or acquaintance facilitates the
entrance, and strengthens the conception of
any object. The first case is parallel to our
reasonings from cause and effect; the second
to education. And as reasoning and educa-
tion concur only in producing a lively and
strong idea of any object; so is this the
only particular, which is common to rela-
tion and acquaintance. This must, there-
fore, be the influencing quality, by which
they produce all their common effects; and
love or kindness being one of these effects, it
must be from the force and liveliness of
conception, that the passion is deriv'd. Such
a conception is peculiarly agreeable, and
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PART makes us have an affectionate regard for every thing, that produces it, when the proper object of kindness and good-will.

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'TIS obvious, that people associate together according to their particular tempers and dispositions, and that men of gay tempers naturally love the gay ; as the serious bear an affection to the serious. This not only happens, where they remark this resemblance betwixt themselves and others, but also by the natural course of the disposition, and by a certain sympathy, which always arises betwixt similar characters. Where they remark the resemblance, it operates after the manner of a relation, by producing a connexion of ideas. Where they do not remark it, it operates by some other principle ; and if this latter principle be similar to the former, it must be receiv'd as a confirmation of the foregoing reasoning.

THE idea of ourselves is always intimately present to us, and conveys a sensible degree of vivacity to the idea of any other object, to which we are related. This lively idea changes by degrees into a real impression ; these two kinds of perception being in a great measure the same, and differing only in their degrees of force and vivacity. But this change must be produc'd
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with the greater ease, that our natural temper gives us a propensity to the same impression, which we observe in others, and makes it arise upon any slight occasion. In that case resemblance converts the idea into an impression, not only by means of the relation, and by transfusing the original vivacity into the related idea; but also by presenting such materials as take fire from the least spark. And as in both cases a love or affection arises from the resemblance, we may learn that a sympathy with others is agreeable only by giving an emotion to the spirits, since an easy sympathy and correspondent emotions are alone common to *relation, acquaintance, and resemblance.*

THE great propensity men have to pride may be consider'd as another similar phenomenon. It often happens, that after we have liv'd a considerable time in any city; however at first it might be disagreeable to us; yet as we become familiar with the objects, and contract an acquaintance, tho' merely with the streets and buildings, the aversion diminishes by degrees, and at last changes into the opposite passion. The mind finds a satisfaction and ease in the view of objects, to which it is accustom'd, and naturally prefers them to others, which, tho',

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PART tho', perhaps, in themselves more valuable,
 II. are less known to it. By the same quality
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 opinion of ourselves, and of all objects, that
 belong to us. They appear in a stronger
 light; are more agreeable; and consequently
 fitter subjects of pride and vanity, than any
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IT may not be amiss, in treating of the affection we bear our acquaintance and relations, to observe some pretty curious phænomena, which attend it. 'Tis easy to remark in common life, that children esteem their relation to their mother to be weaken'd, in a great measure, by her second marriage, and no longer regard her with the same eye, as if she had continu'd in her state of widow-hood. Nor does this happen only, when they have felt any inconveniencies from her second marriage, or when her husband is much her inferior; but even without any of these considerations, and merely because she has become part of another family. This also takes place with regard to the second marriage of a father; but in a much less degree: And 'tis certain the ties of blood are not so much loosen'd in the latter case as by the marriage of a mother. These two phænomena are remarkable.

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IN order to produce a perfect relation betwixt two objects, 'tis requisite, not only that the imagination be convey'd from one to the other by resemblance, contiguity or causation, but also that it return back from the second to the first with the same ease and facility. At first sight this may seem a necessary and unavoidable consequence. If one object resemble another, the latter object must necessarily resemble the former. If one object be the cause of another, the second object is effect to its cause. 'Tis the same case with contiguity: And therefore the relation being always reciprocal, it may be thought, that the return of the imagination from the second to the first must also, in every case, be equally natural as its passage from the first to the second. But upon farther examination we shall easily discover our mistake. For supposing the second object, beside its reciprocal relation to the first, to have also a strong relation to a third object; in that case the thought, passing from the first object to the second, returns not back with the same facility, tho' the relation continues the same; but is readily carry'd on to the third object, by means
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PART of the new relation, which presents itself, and gives a new impulse to the imagination. This new relation, therefore, weakens the tie betwixt the first and second objects. The fancy is by its very nature wavering and inconstant; and considers always two objects as more strongly related together, where it finds the passage equally easy both in going and returning, than where the transition is easy only in one of these motions. The double motion is a kind of a double tie, and binds the objects together in the closest and most intimate manner.

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THE second marriage of a mother breaks not the relation of child and parent; and that relation suffices to convey my imagination from myself to her with the greatest ease and facility. But after the imagination is arriv'd at this point of view, it finds its object to be surrounded with so many other relations, which challenge its regard, that it knows not which to prefer, and is at a loss what new object to pitch upon. The ties of interest and duty bind her to another family, and prevent that return of the fancy from her to myself, which is necessary to support the union. The thought has no longer the vibration, requisite to set it perfectly

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change. It goes with facility, but returns IV.
with difficulty; and by that interruption
finds the relation much weaken'd from what
it wou'd be were the passage open and easy
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Now to give a reason, why this effect follows not in the same degree upon the second marriage of a father: we may reflect on what has been prov'd already, that tho' the imagination goes easily from the view of a lesser object to that of a greater, yet it returns not with the same facility from the greater to the less. When my imagination goes from myself to my father, it passes not so readily from him to his second wife, nor considers him as entering into a different family, but as continuing the head of that family, of which I am myself a part. His superiority prevents the easy transition of the thought from him to his spouse, but keeps the passage still open for a return to myself along the same relation of child and parent. He is not sunk in the new relation he acquires; so that the double motion or vibration of thought is still easy and natural. By this indulgence of the fancy in its inconstancy, the tie of child and parent still preserves its full force and influence.

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A MOTHER thinks not her tie to a son weaken'd, because 'tis shar'd with her husband: Nor a son his with a parent, because 'tis shar'd with a brother. The third object is here related to the first, as well as to the second; so that the imagination goes and comes along all of them with the greatest facility.

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NOTHING has a greater tendency to give us an esteem for any person, than his power and riches; or a contempt, than his poverty and meanness: And as esteem and contempt are to be consider'd as species of love and hatred, 'twill be proper in this place to explain these phenomena.

HERE it happens most fortunately, that the greatest difficulty is not to discover a principle capable of producing such an effect, but to choose the chief and predominant among several, that present themselves. The *satisfaction* we take in the riches of others,
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 may be ascrib'd to three different causes.

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 houses, gardens, equipages; which, being agreeable in themselves, necessarily produce a sentiment of pleasure in every one, that either considers or surveys them. *Secondly*, To the expectation of advantage from the rich and powerful by our sharing their possessions. *Thirdly*, To sympathy, which makes us partake of the satisfaction of every one, that approaches us. All these principles may concur in producing the present phenomenon. The question is, to which of them we ought principally to ascribe it.

'TIS certain, that the first principle, *viz.* the reflection on agreeable objects, has a greater influence, than what, at first sight, we may be apt to imagine. We seldom reflect on what is beautiful or ugly, agreeable or disagreeable, without an emotion of pleasure or uneasiness; and tho' these sensations appear not much in our common indolent way of thinking, 'tis easy, either in reading or conversation, to discover them. Men of wit always turn the discourse on subjects that are entertaining to the imagination; and poets never present any objects but such as are of the same nature. Mr.



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BUT tho' these reasons may induce us to comprehend this delicacy of the imagination among the causes of the respect, which we pay the rich and powerful, there are many other reasons, that may keep us from regarding it as the sole or principal. For as the ideas of pleasure can have an influence only by means of their vivacity, which makes them approach impressions, 'tis most natural those ideas shou'd have that influence, which are favour'd by most circumstances, and have a natural tendency to become strong and lively; such as our ideas of the passions and sensations of any human creature. Every human creature resembles ourselves, and by that means has an advantage above any other object, in operating on the imagination. II. 30 BE-

BESIDES, if we consider the nature of that faculty, and the great influence which all relations have upon it, we shall easily be persuaded, that however the ideas of the pleasant wines, music, or gardens, which the rich man enjoys, may become lively and agreeable, the fancy will not confine itself to them, but will carry its view to the related objects; and in particular, to the person, who possesses them. And this is the more natural, that the pleasant idea or image produces here a passion towards the person, by means of his relation to the object; so that 'tis unavoidable but he must enter into the original conception, since he makes the object of the derivative passion. But if he enters into the original conception, and is consider'd as enjoying these agreeable objects, 'tis *sympathy*, which is properly the cause of the affection; and the *third* principle is more powerful and universal than the *first*.

ADD to this, that riches and power alone, even tho' unemploy'd, naturally cause esteem and respect: And consequently these passions arise not from the idea of any beautiful or agreeable objects. 'Tis true; money implies a kind of representation of such objects, by the power it affords of obtaining them; and for that reason may still be esteem'd proper to convey those agreeable

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PART images, which may give rise to the passion.

II. But as this prospect is very distant, 'tis more natural for us to take a contiguous object, *viz.* the satisfaction, which this power affords the person, who is possess'd of it. And of this we shall be farther satisfy'd, if we consider, that riches represent the goods of life, only by means of the will; which employs them; and therefore imply in their very nature an idea of the person, and cannot be consider'd without a kind of sympathy with his sensations and enjoyments.

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THIS we may confirm by a reflection, which to some will, perhaps, appear too subtle and refin'd. I have already observ'd, that power, as distinguish'd from its exercise, has either no meaning at all, or is nothing but a possibility or probability of existence; by which any object approaches to reality, and has a sensible influence on the mind. I have also observ'd, that this approach, by an illusion of the fancy, appears much greater, when we ourselves are possess'd of the power, than when it is enjoy'd by another; and that in the former case the objects seem to touch upon the very verge of reality, and convey almost an equal satisfaction, as if actually in our possession. Now I assert, that where we esteem a person upon account of his riches, we must enter

enter into this sentiment of the proprietor, and that without such a sympathy the idea of the agreeable objects, which they give him the power to produce, wou'd have but a feeble influence upon us. An avaritious man is respected for his money, tho' he scarce is possess'd of a *power*; that is, there scarce is a *probability* or even *possibility* of his employing it in the acquisition of the pleasures and conveniences of life. To himself alone this power seems perfect and entire; and therefore we must receive his sentiments by sympathy, before we can have a strong intense idea of these enjoyments, or esteem him upon account of them.

THUS we have found, that the *first* principle, *viz. the agreeable idea of those objects, which riches afford the enjoyment of*; resolves itself in a great measure into the *third*, and becomes a *sympathy* with the person we esteem or love. Let us now examine the *second* principle, *viz. the agreeable expectation of advantage*, and see what force we may justly attribute to it.

'TIS obvious, that tho' riches and authority undoubtedly give their owner a power of doing us service, yet this power is not to be consider'd as on the same footing with that, which they afford him, of

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pleasing himself, and satisfying his own appetites. Self-love approaches the power and exercise very near each other in the latter case; but in order to produce a similar effect in the former, we must suppose a friendship and good-will to be conjoin'd with the riches. Without that circumstance 'tis difficult to conceive on what we can found our hope of advantage from the riches of others, tho' there is nothing more certain, than that we naturally esteem and respect the rich, even before we discover in them any such favourable disposition towards us.

BUT I carry this farther, and observe, not only that we respect the rich and powerful, where they shew no inclination to serve us, but also when we lie so much out of the sphere of their activity, that they cannot even be suppos'd to be endow'd with that power. Prisoners of war are always treated with a respect suitable to their condition; and 'tis certain riches go very far towards fixing the condition of any person. If birth and quality enter for a share, this still affords us an argument of the same kind. For what is it we call a man of birth, but one who is descended from a long succession of rich and powerful ancestors, and who acquires our esteem by his relation to persons

sons whom we esteem? His ancestors, therefore, tho' dead, are respected, in some measure, on account of their riches, and consequently without any kind of expectation.

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BUT not to go so far as prisoners of war and the dead to find instances of this disinterested esteem for riches, let us observe with a little attention those phænomena that occur to us in common life and conversation. A man, who is himself of a competent fortune, upon coming into a company of strangers, naturally treats them with different degrees of respect and deference, as he is inform'd of their different fortunes and conditions; tho' 'tis impossible he can ever propose, and perhaps wou'd not accept of any advantage from them. A traveller is always admitted into company, and meets with civility, in proportion as his train and equipage speak him a man of great or moderate fortune. In short, the different ranks of men are, in a great measure, regulated by riches, and that with regard to superiors as well as inferiors, strangers as well as acquaintance.

THERE is, indeed, an answer to these arguments, drawn from the influence of *general rules*. It may be pretended, that being accusom'd to expect succour and protection



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BUT that this principle does not here take place, will easily appear, if we consider, that in order to establish a general rule, and extend it beyond its proper bounds, there is requir'd a certain uniformity in our experience, and a great superiority of those instances, which are conformable to the rule, above the contrary. But here the case is quite otherwise. Of a hundred men of credit and fortune I meet with, there is not, perhaps, one from whom I can expect advantage; so that 'tis impossible any custom can ever prevail in the present case.

UPON THE WHOLE, there remains nothing, which can give us an esteem for power and riches, and a contempt for meanness and poverty, except the principle of *sympathy*, by which we enter into the sentiments of the rich and poor, and partake of their pleasure and uneasiness. Riches
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 the imagination, which produces an idea ^{Of our}
 resembling the original impression in force ^{esteem for}
 and vivacity. This agreeable idea or im- ^{the rich}
 pression is connected with love, which is ^{and pow-}
 an agreeable passion. It proceeds from a ^{erful.}
 thinking conscious being, which is the very
 object of love. From this relation of im-
 pressions, and identity of ideas, the passion
 arises, according to my hypothesis.

THE best method of reconciling us to
 this opinion is to take a general survey of the
 universe, and observe the force of sympathy
 thro' the whole animal creation, and the
 easy communication of sentiments from one
 thinking being to another. In all creatures,
 that prey not upon others, and are not agi-
 tated with violent passions, there appears a
 remarkable desire of company, which as-
 sociates them together, without any advan-
 tages they can ever propose to reap from
 their union. This is still more conspicuous
 in man, as being the creature of the uni-
 verse, who has the most ardent desire of
 society, and is fitted for it by the most ad-
 vantages. We can form no wish, which has
 not a reference to society. A perfect soli-
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II. when enjoy'd a-part from company, and every pain becomes more cruel and intolerable. Whatever other passions we may be actuated by; pride, ambition, avarice, curiosity, revenge or lust; the soul or animating principle of them all is sympathy; nor wou'd they have any force, were we to abstract entirely from the thoughts and sentiments of others. Let all the powers and elements of nature conspire to serve and obey one man: Let the sun rise and set at his command: The sea and rivers roll as he pleases, and the earth furnish spontaneously whatever may be useful or agreeable to him: He will still be miserable, till you give him some one person at least, with whom he may share his happiness, and whose esteem and friendship he may enjoy.

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THIS conclusion from a general view of human nature, we may confirm by particular instances, wherein the force of sympathy is very remarkable. Most kinds of beauty are deriv'd from this origin; and tho' our first object be some senseless inanimate piece of matter, 'tis seldom we rest there, and carry not our view to its influence on sensible and rational creatures. A man, who shews us any house or building, takes particular

ticular care among other things to point out the convenience of the apartments, the advantages of their situation, and the little room lost in the stairs, anti-chambers and passages; and indeed 'tis evident, the chief part of the beauty consists in these particulars. The observation of convenience gives pleasure, since convenience is a beauty. But after what manner does it give pleasure? 'Tis certain our own interest is not in the least concern'd; and as this is a beauty of interest, not of form, so to speak, it must delight us merely by communication, and by our sympathizing with the proprietor of the lodging. We enter into his interest by the force of imagination, and feel the same satisfaction, that the objects naturally occasion in him.

THIS observation extends to tables, chairs, seritoires, chimneys, coaches, fadles, ploughs, and indeed to every work of art; it being an universal rule, that their beauty is chiefly deriv'd from their utility, and from their fitness for that purpose, to which they are destin'd. But this is an advantage, that concerns only the owner, nor is there any thing but sympathy, which can interest the spectator,

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'Tis evident, that nothing renders a field more agreeable than its fertility, and that scarce any advantages of ornament or situation will be able to equal this beauty. 'Tis the same case with particular trees and plants, as with the field on which they grow. I know not but a plain, overgrown with furze and broom, may be, in itself, as beautiful as a hill cover'd with vines or olive-trees; tho' it will never appear so to one, who is acquainted with the value of each. But this is a beauty merely of imagination, and has no foundation in what appears to the senses. Fertility and value have a plain reference to use; and that to riches, joy, and plenty; in which tho' we have no hope of partaking, yet we enter into them by the vivacity of the fancy, and share them, in some measure, with the proprietor.

THERE is no rule in painting more reasonable than that of ballancing the figures, and placing them with the greatest exactness on their proper center of gravity. A figure, which is not justly ballanc'd, is disagreeable; and that because it conveys the ideas of its fall, of harm, and of pain: Which ideas are painful, when by sympathy

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A D D to this, that the principal part of
personal beauty is an air of health and vi-
gour, and such a construction of members
as promises strength and activity. This
idea of beauty cannot be accounted for but
by sympathy.

I N general we may remark, that the
minds of men are mirrors to one another,
not only because they reflect each others e-
motions, but also because those rays of pas-
sions, sentiments and opinions may be often
reverberated, and may decay away by in-
sensible degrees. Thus the pleasure, which
a rich man receives from his possessions, being
thrown upon the beholder, causes a pleasure
and esteem; which sentiments again, being
perceiv'd and sympathy'd with, encrease the
pleasure of the possessor; and being once
more reflected, become a new foundation
for pleasure and esteem in the beholder.
There is certainly an original satisfaction in
riches deriv'd from that power, which they
bestow, of enjoying all the pleasures of life;
and as this is their very nature and essence,
it must be the first source of all the pas-
sions, which arise from them. One of the
most considerable of these passions is that of
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PART love or esteem in others, which therefore proceeds from a sympathy with the pleasure of the possessor. But the possessor has also a secondary satisfaction in riches arising from the love and esteem he acquires by them, and this satisfaction is nothing but a second reflexion of that original pleasure, which proceeded from himself. This secondary satisfaction or vanity becomes one of the principal recommendations of riches, and is the chief reason, why we either desire them for ourselves, or esteem them in others. Here then is a third rebound of the original pleasure; after which 'tis difficult to distinguish the images and reflexions, by reason of their faintness and confusion.

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S E C T. VI. I D E A S may be compar'd to the extension and solidity of matter, and impressions, especially reflective ones, to colours, tastes, smells and other sensible qualities. Ideas never admit of a total union, but are endow'd with a kind of impenetrability, by which they exclude each other, and are capable

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conjunction, not by their mixture. On
the other hand, impressions and passions are
susceptible of an entire union; and like colours, may be blended so perfectly together, that each of them may lose itself, and contribute only to vary that uniform impression, which arises from the whole. Some of the most curious phenomena of the human mind are deriv'd from this property of the passions.

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IN examining those ingredients, which are capable of uniting with love and hatred, I begin to be sensible, in some measure, of a misfortune, that has attended every system of philosophy, with which the world has been yet acquainted. 'Tis commonly found, that in accounting for the operations of nature by any particular hypothesis; among a number of experiments, that quadrate exactly with the principles we wou'd endeavour to establish; there is always some phenomenon, which is more stubborn, and will not so easily bend to our purpose. We need not be surpriz'd, that this shou'd happen in natural philosophy. The essence and composition of external bodies are so obscure, that we must necessarily, in our reasonings, or rather conjectures concerning them,

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them, involve ourselves in contradictions and absurdities. But as the perceptions of the mind are perfectly known, and I have us'd all imaginable caution in forming conclusions concerning them, I have always hop'd to keep clear of those contradictions, which have attended every other system. Accordingly the difficulty, which I have at present in my eye, is no-wise contrary to my system; but only departs a little from that simplicity, which has been hitherto its principal force and beauty.

THE passions of love and hatred are always follow'd by, or rather conjoin'd with benevolence and anger. 'Tis this conjunction, which chiefly distinguishes these affections from pride and humility. For pride and humility are pure emotions in the soul, unattended with any desire, and not immediately exciting us to action. But love and hatred are not compleated within themselves, nor rest in that emotion, which they produce, but carry the mind to something farther. Love is always follow'd by a desire of the happiness of the person below'd, and an aversion to his misery: As hatred produces a desire of the misery and an aversion to the happiness of the person hated. So remarkable a difference betwixt these two sets

sets of passions of pride and humility, love and hatred, which in so many other particulars correspond to each other, merits our attention.

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THE conjunction of this desire and aversion with love and hatred may be accounted for by two different hypotheses. The first is, that love and hatred have not only a *cause*, which excites them, *viz.* pleasure and pain; and an *object*, to which they are directed, *viz.* a person or thinking being; but likewise an *end*, which they endeavour to attain, *viz.* the happiness or misery of the person belov'd or hated; all which views, mixing together, make only one passion. According to this system, love is nothing but the desire of happiness to another person, and hatred that of misery. The desire and aversion constitute the very nature of love and hatred. They are not only inseparable but the same.

BUT this is evidently contrary to experience. For tho' 'tis certain we never love any person without desiring his happiness, nor hate any without wishing his misery, yet these desires arise only upon the ideas of the happiness or misery of our friend or enemy being presented by the imagination,



PART and are not absolutely essential to love and hatred. They are the most obvious and natural sentiments of these affections, but not the only ones. The passions may express themselves in a hundred ways, and may subsist a considerable time, without our reflecting on the happiness or misery of their objects; which clearly proves, that these desires are not the same with love and hatred, nor make any essential part of them.

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WE may, therefore, infer, that benevolence and anger are passions different from love and hatred, and only conjoin'd with them, by the original constitution of the mind. As nature has given to the body certain appetites and inclinations, which she encreases, diminishes, or changes according to the situation of the fluids or solids; she has proceeded in the same manner with the mind. According as we are possess'd with love or hatred, the correspondent desire of the happiness or misery of the person, who is the object of these passions, arises in the mind, and varies with each variation of these opposite passions. This order of things, abstractedly consider'd, is not necessary. Love and hatred might have been unattended with any such desires, or their

their particular connexion might have been entirely revers'd. If nature had so pleas'd, love might have had the same effect as hatred, and hatred as love. I see no contradiction in supposing a desire of producing misery annex'd to love, and of happiness to hatred. If the sensation of the passion and desire be opposite, nature cou'd have alter'd the sensation without altering the tendency of the desire, and by that means made them compatible with each other.

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BUT tho' the desire of the happiness or misery of others, according to the love or hatred we bear them, be an arbitrary and original instinct implanted in our nature, we find it may be counterfeited on many occasions, and may arise from secondary principles. *Pity* is a concern for, and *malice* a joy in the misery of others, without any friendship or enmity to occasion this concern or joy. We pity even strangers, and such as are perfectly indifferent to us: And if our ill-will to another proceed

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PART from any harm or injury, it is not, properly speaking, malice, but revenge. But if we examine these affections of pity and malice we shall find them to be secondary ones, arising from original affections, which are varied by some particular turn of thought and imagination.

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'TWILL be easy to explain the passion of *pity*, from the precedent reasoning concerning *sympathy*. We have a lively idea of every thing related to us. All human creatures are related to us by resemblance. Their persons, therefore, their interests, their passions, their pains and pleasures must strike upon us in a lively manner, and produce an emotion similar to the original one; since a lively idea is easily converted into an impression. If this be true in general, it must be more so of affliction and sorrow. These have always a stronger and more lasting influence than any pleasure or enjoyment.

A SPECTATOR of a tragedy passes thro' a long train of grief, terror, indignation, and other affections, which the poet represents in the persons he introduces. As many tragedies end happily, and no excellent one can be compos'd without some re-
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verses of fortune, the spectator must sympathize with all these changes, and receive the fictitious joy as well as every other passion. Unless, therefore, it be asserted, that

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every distinct passion is communicated by a distinct original quality, and is not deriv'd from the general principle of sympathy above-explain'd, it must be allow'd, that all of them arise from that principle. To except any one in particular must appear highly unreasonable. As they are all first present in the mind of one person, and afterwards appear in the mind of another; and as the manner of their appearance, first as an idea, then as an impression, is in every case the same, the transition must arise from the same principle. I am at least sure, that this method of reasoning wou'd be consider'd as certain, either in natural philosophy or common life.

ADD to this, that pity depends, in a great measure, on the contiguity, and even sight of the object; which is a proof, that 'tis deriv'd from the imagination. Not to mention that women and children are most subject to pity, as being most guided by that faculty. The same infirmity, which makes them faint at the sight of a naked

PART sword, tho' in the hands of their best friend,
 II. makes them pity extremely those, whom
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 and ha- philosophers, who derive this passion from I
 tred. know not what subtle reflections on the
 instability of fortune, and our being liable
 to the same miseries we behold, will find
 this observation contrary to them among
 a great many others, which it were easy
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THERE remains only to take notice of
 a pretty remarkable phaenomenon of this
 passion; which is, that the communicated
 passion of sympathy sometimes acquires
 strength from the weakness of its original,
 and even arises by a transition from affec-
 tions, which have no existence. Thus when
 a person obtains any honourable office, or
 inherits a great fortune, we are always the
 more rejoic'd for his prosperity, the less
 sense he seems to have of it, and the great-
 er equanimity and indifference he shews in its
 enjoyment. In like manner a man, who
 is not dejected by misfortunes, is the more
 lamented on account of his patience; and if
 that virtue extends so far as utterly to remove
 all sense of uneasiness, it still farther encreases
 our compassion. When a person of merit
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falls into what is vulgarly esteem'd a great S E C T. VII. misfortune, we form a notion of his condition; and carrying our fancy from the cause to the usual effect, first conceive a lively idea of his sorrow, and then feel an impression of it, entirely over-looking that greatness of mind, which elevates him above such emotions, or only considering it so far as to encrease our admiration, love and tenderness for him. We find from experience, that such a degree of passion is usually connected with such a misfortune; and tho' there be an exception in the present case, yet the imagination is affected by the *general rule*, and makes us conceive a lively idea of the passion, or rather feel the passion itself, in the same manner, as if the person were really actuated by it. From the same principles we blush for the conduct of those, who behave themselves foolishly before us; and that tho' they shew no sense of shame, nor seem in the least conscious of their folly. All this proceeds from sympathy; but 'tis of a partial kind, and views its objects only on one side, without considering the other, which has a contrary effect, and wou'd entirely destroy that emotion, which arises from the first appearance.

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WE have also instances, wherein an indiffer-
ence and insensibility under misfortune
encreases our concern for the misfortunate,
even tho' the indiffer-ence proceed not from
any virtue and magnanimity. 'Tis an ag-
gravation of a murder, that it was committed
upon persons asleep and in perfect security;
as historians readily observe of any infant
prince, who is captive in the hands of his
enemies, that he is more worthy of com-
passion the less sensible he is of his miserable
condition. As we ourselves are here ac-
quainted with the wretched situation of the
person, it gives us a lively idea and sensation
of sorrow, which is the passion that *gene-
rally* attends it; and this idea becomes still
more lively, and the sensation more violent
by a contrast with that security and indif-
ference, which we observe in the person him-
self. A contrast of any kind never fails to
affect the imagination, especially when pre-
sented by the subject; and 'tis on the ima-
gination that pity entirely depends*.

* To prevent all ambiguity, I must observe, that where
I oppose the imagination to the memory, I mean in gene-
ral the faculty that presents our fainter ideas. In all o-
ther places, and particularly when it is oppos'd to the un-
derstanding, I understand the same faculty, excluding only
our demonstrative and probable reasonings.

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WE must now proceed to account for S E C T.
the passion of *malice*, which imi- VIII.
tates the effects of hatred, as pity does
those of love; and gives us a joy in the
iufferings and miseries of others, without any
offence or injury on their part.

So little are men govern'd by reason in their sentiments and opinions, that they always judge more of objects by comparison than from their intrinsic worth and value. When the mind considers, or is accustom'd to, any degree of perfection, whatever falls short of it, tho' really esteemable, has notwithstanding the same effect upon the passions, as what is defective and ill. This is an *original* quality of the soul, and similar to what we have every day experience of in our bodies. Let a man heat one hand and cool the other; the same water will, at the same time, seem both hot and cold, according to the disposition of the different organs. A small degree of any quality, succeeding a greater, produces the same sensation,



PART II. fation, as if less than it really is, and even sometimes as the opposite quality. Any gentle pain, that follows a violent one, seems as nothing, or rather becomes a pleasure; as on the other hand a violent pain, succeeding a gentle one, is doubly grievous and uneasy.

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THIS no one can doubt of with regard to our passions and sensations. But there may arise some difficulty with regard to our ideas and objects. When an object augments or diminishes to the eye or imagination from a comparison with others, the image and idea of the object are still the same, and are equally extended in the *retina*, and in the brain or organ of perception. The eyes refract the rays of light, and the optic nerves convey the images to the brain in the very same manner, whether a great or small object has preceded; nor does even the imagination alter the dimensions of its object on account of a comparison with others. The question then is, how from the same impression and the same idea we can form such different judgments concerning the same object, and at one time admire its bulk, and at another despise its littleness. This variation in our judgments must

must certainly proceed from a variation in S E C T.
some perception; but as the variation lies V I I I.
not in the immediate impressi^{on} or idea of *Of malice*
the object, it must lie in some other im- *and envy.*
pressi^{on}, that accompanies it.

IN order to explain this matter, I shall just touch upon two principles, one of which shall be more fully explain'd in the progress of this treatise; the other has been already accounted for. I believe it may safely be establish'd for a general maxim, that no object is presented to the senses, nor image form'd in the fancy, but what is accompany'd with some emotion or movement of spirits proportion'd to it; and however custom may make us insensible of this sensation, and cause us to confound it with the object or idea, 'twill be easy, by careful and exact experiments, to separate and distinguish them. For to instance only in the cases of extension and number; 'tis evident, that any very bulky object, such as the ocean, an extended plain, a vast chain of mountains, a wide forest; or any very numerous collection of objects, such as an army, a fleet, a crowd, excite in the mind a sensible emotion; and that the admiration, which arises on the appearance of such objects,

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Now as this admiration encreases or diminishes by the encrease or diminution of the objects, we may conclude, according to our foregoing * principles, that 'tis a compound effect, proceeding from the conjunction of the several effects, which arise from each part of the cause. Every part, then, of extension, and every unite of number has a separate emotion attending it, when conceiv'd by the mind; and tho' that emotion be not always agreeable, yet by its conjunction with others, and by its agitating the spirits to a just pitch, it contributes to the production of admiration, which is always agreeable. If this be allow'd with respect to extension and number, we can make no difficulty with respect to virtue and vice, wit and folly, riches and poverty, happiness and misery, and other objects of that kind, which are always attended with an evident emotion.

THE second principle I shall take notice of is that of our adherence to *general rules*; which has such a mighty influence on the actions and understanding, and is able to

* Book I. Part III. Sect. 15.

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impose on the very senses. When an object S E C T.
 is found by experience to be always accom- VIII.
 pany'd with another; whenever the first Of malice
 object appears, tho' chang'd in very mate- and envy.
 rial circumstances; we naturally fly to the
 conception of the second, and form an idea
 of it in as lively and strong a manner, as
 if we had infer'd its existence by the justest
 and most authentic conclusion of our un-
 derstanding. Nothing can undeceive us,
 not even our senses, which, instead of cor-
 recting this false judgment, are often per-
 verted by it, and seem to authorize its er-
 rors.

THE conclusion I draw from these two
 principles, join'd to the influence of com-
 parison above-mention'd, is very short and
 decisive. Every object is attended with some
 emotion proportion'd to it; a great object
 with a great emotion, a small object with a
 small emotion. A great *object*, therefore,
 succeeding a small one makes a great *emo-*
tion succeed a small one. Now a great e-
 motion succeeding a small one becomes still
 greater, and rises beyond its ordinary pro-
 portion. But as there is a certain degree of
 an emotion, which commonly attends every
 magnitude of an object; when the emotion
 encreases,

PART encreases, we naturally imagine that the object has likewise encreas'd. The effect conveys our view to its usual cause, a certain degree of emotion to a certain magnitude of the object; nor do we consider, that comparison may change the emotion without changing any thing in the object. Those, who are acquainted with the metaphysical part of optics, and know how we transfer the judgments and conclusions of the understanding to the senses, will easily conceive this whole operation.

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BUT leaving this new discovery of an impression, that secretly attends every idea; we must at least allow of that principle, from whence the discovery arose, *that objects appear greater or less by a comparison with others.* We have so many instances of this, that it is impossible we can dispute its veracity; and 'tis from this principle I derive the passions of malice and envy.

'TIS evident we must receive a greater or less satisfaction or uneasiness from reflecting on our own condition and circumstances, in proportion as they appear more or less fortunate or unhappy, in proportion to the degrees of riches, and power, and merit, and reputation, which we think ourselves possess

felt of. Now as we seldom judge of objects from their intrinsic value, but form our notions of them from a comparison with other objects; it follows, that according as we observe a greater or less share of happiness or misery in others, we must make an estimate of our own, and feel a consequent pain or pleasure. The misery of another gives us a more lively idea of our happiness, and his happiness of our misery. The former, therefore, produces delight; and the latter uneasiness.

HERE then is a kind of pity reverse, or contrary sensations arising in the beholder, from those which are felt by the person, whom he considers. In general we may observe, that in all kinds of comparison an object makes us always receive from another, to which it is compar'd, a sensation contrary to what arises from itself in its direct and immediate survey. A small object makes a great one appear still greater. A great object makes a little one appear less. Deformity of itself produces uneasiness; but makes us receive new pleasure by its contrast with a beautiful object, whose beauty is augmented by it; as on the other hand, beauty, which of itself produces pleasure, makes us receive

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PART a new pain by the contrast with any thing
 II. ugly, whose deformity it augments. The
Of love case, therefore, must be the same with hap-
and ha- piness and misery. The direct survey of an-
ted. other's pleasure naturally gives us pleasure,
 and therefore produces pain when compar'd
 with our own. His pain, consider'd
 in itself, is painful to us, but augments the
 idea of our own happiness, and gives us
 pleasure.

NOR will it appear strange, that we may
 feel a reverse sensation from the happiness
 and misery of others; since we find the same
 comparison may give us a kind of malice
 against ourselves, and make us rejoice for
 our pains, and grieve for our pleasures. Thus
 the prospect of past pain is agreeable, when
 we are satisfy'd with our present condition;
 as on the other hand our past pleasures give
 us uneasiness, when we enjoy nothing at
 present equal to them. The comparison be-
 ing the same, as when we reflect on the
 sentiments of others, must be attended with
 the same effects.

NAY a person may extend this malice
 against himself, even to his present fortune,
 and carry it so far as designedly to seek af-
 fliction, and encrease his pains and sorrows.

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This may happen upon two occasions. *First*, SECT. VIII.
 Upon the distress and misfortune of a friend,
 or person dear to him. *Secondly*, Upon the Of malice
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 feeling any remorse for a crime, of which
 he has been guilty. 'Tis from the principle
 of comparison that both these irregular
 appetites for evil arise. A person, who in-
 dulges himself in any pleasure, while his
 friend lies under affliction, feels the reflected
 uneasiness from his friend more sensibly by
 a comparison with the original pleasure,
 which he himself enjoys. This contrast,
 indeed, ought also to inliven the present
 pleasure. But as grief is here suppos'd to be
 the predominant passion, every addition falls
 to that side, and is swallow'd up in it, with-
 out operating in the least upon the contrary
 affection. 'Tis the same case with those
 penances, which men inflict on themselves
 for their past sins and failings. When a
 criminal reflects on the punishment he de-
 serves, the idea of it is magnify'd by a com-
 parison with his present ease and satisfac-
 tion; which forces him, in a manner, to seek
 uneasiness, in order to avoid so disagreeable
 a contrast.

THIS reasoning will account for the ori-
 gin of *envy* as well as of *malice*. The only



PART difference betwixt these passions lies in this,
 II. that envy is excited by some present enjoyment of another, which by comparison diminishes our idea of our own: Whereas malice is the unprovok'd desire of producing evil to another, in order to reap a pleasure from the comparison. The enjoyment, which is the object of envy, is commonly superior to our own. A superiority naturally seems to overshade us, and presents a disagreeable comparison. But even in the case of an inferiority, we still desire a greater distance, in order to augment still more the idea of ourself. When this distance diminishes, the comparison is less to our advantage; and consequently gives us less pleasure, and is even disagreeable. Hence arises that species of envy, which men feel, when they perceive their inferiors approaching or overtaking them in the pursuit of glory or happiness. In this envy we may see the effects of comparison twice repeated. A man, who compares himself to his inferior, receives a pleasure from the comparison: And when the inferiority decreases by the elevation of the inferior, what shou'd only have been a decrease of pleasure, becomes a real pain, by a new comparison with its preceding condition.

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'TIS worthy of observation concerning that envy, which arises from a superiority in others, that 'tis not the great disproportion betwixt ourself and another, which produces it; but on the contrary, our proximity. A common foldier bears no such envy to his general as to his sergeant or corporal; nor does an eminent writer meet with so great jealousy in common hackney scriblers, as in authors, that more nearly approach him. It may, indeed, be thought, that the greater the disproportion is, the greater must be the uneasiness from the comparison. But we may consider on the other hand, that the great disproportion cuts off the relation, and either keeps us from comparing ourselves with what is remote from us, or diminishes the effects of the comparison. Resemblance and proximity always produce a relation of ideas; and where you destroy these ties, however other accidents may bring two ideas together; as they have no bond or connecting quality to join them in the imagination; 'tis impossible they can remain long united, or have any considerable influence on each other.

I HAVE observ'd in considering the nature of ambition, that the great feel a double



PART II. pleasure in authority from the comparison of their own condition with that of their slaves; and that this comparison has a double influence, because 'tis natural, and presented by the subject. When the fancy, in the comparison of objects, passes not easily from the one object to the other, the action of the mind is, in a great measure, broke, and the fancy, in considering the second object, begins, as it were, upon a new footing. The impression, which attends every object, seems not greater in that case by succeeding a less of the same kind; but these two impressions are distinct, and produce their distinct effects, without any communication together. The want of relation in the ideas breaks the relation of the impressions, and by such a separation prevents their mutual operation and influence.

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To confirm this we may observe, that the proximity in the degree of merit is not alone sufficient to give rise to envy, but must be assisted by other relations. A poet is not apt to envy a philosopher, or a poet of a different kind, of a different nation, or of a different age. All these differences prevent or weaken the comparison, and consequently the passion.

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THIS too is the reason, why all objects appear great or little, merely by a comparison with those of the same species. A mountain neither magnifies nor diminishes a horse in our eyes; but when a *Flemish* and a *Welsb* horse are seen together, the one appears greater and the other less, than when view'd apart.

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FROM the same principle we may account for that remark of historians, that any party in a civil war always choose to call in a foreign enemy at any hazard rather than submit to their fellow-citizens. *Guicciardin* applies this remark to the wars in *Italy*, where the relations betwixt the different states are, properly speaking, nothing but of name, language, and contiguity. Yet even these relations, when join'd with superiority, by making the comparison more natural, make it likewise more grievous, and cause men to search for some other superiority, which may be attended with no relation, and by that means may have a less sensible influence on the imagination. The mind quickly perceives its several advantages and disadvantages; and finding its situation to be most uneasy, where superiority is conjoin'd with other relations, seeks its

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PART repose as much as possible, by their separation, and by breaking that association of ideas, which renders the comparison so much more natural and efficacious. When it cannot break the association, it feels a stronger desire to remove the superiority; and this is the reason why travellers are commonly so lavish of their praises to the *Chinese* and *Persians*, at the same time, that they depreciate those neighbouring nations, which may stand upon a foot of rivalship with their native country.

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THESE examples from history and common experience are rich and curious; but we may find parallel ones in the arts, which are no less remarkable. Shou'd an author compose a treatise, of which one part was serious and profound, another light and humorous, every one wou'd condemn so strange a mixture, and wou'd accuse him of the neglect of all rules of art and criticism. These rules of art are founded on the qualities of human nature; and the quality of human nature, which requires a consistency in every performance, is that which renders the mind incapable of passing in a moment from one passion and disposition to a quite different one. Yet this makes us not

not blame Mr. *Prior* for joining his *Alma* SECT.
 and his *Solomon* in the same volume; tho' VIII.
 that admirable poet has succeeded perfectly Of malice
 well in the gaiety of the one, as well as and envy.
 in the melancholy of the other. Even sup-
 posing the reader shou'd peruse these two
 compositions without any interval, he wou'd
 feel little or no difficulty in the change of
 passions: Why, but because he considers
 these performances as entirely different, and
 by this break in the ideas, breaks the pro-
 gress of the affections, and hinders the one
 from influencing or contradicting the other?

AN heroic and burlesque design, united
 in one picture, wou'd be monstrous; tho' we
 place two pictures of so opposite a character
 in the same chamber, and even close by each
 other, without any scruple or difficulty.

IN a word, no ideas can affect each
 other, either by comparison, or by the pas-
 sions they separately produce, unless they be
 united together by some relation, which may
 cause an easy transition of the ideas, and
 consequently of the emotions or impressions,
 attending the ideas; and may preserve the
 one impression in the passage of the ima-
 gination to the object of the other. This
 principle is very remarkable, because it is

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PART analogous to what we have observ'd both
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 sions. Suppose two objects to be presented
 Of love and ha- to me, which are not connected by any
 tred. kind of relation. Suppose that each of these
 objects separately produces a passion; and
 that these two passions are in themselves
 contrary: We find from experience, that
 the want of relation in the objects or ideas
 hinders the natural contrariety of the passi-
 ons, and that the break in the transition of
 the thought removes the affections from each
 other, and prevents their opposition. 'Tis
 the same case with comparison; and from
 both these phænomena we may safely
 conclude, that the relation of ideas must
 forward the transition of impressions; since
 its absence alone is able to prevent it, and to
 separate what naturally shou'd have operated
 upon each other. When the absence of an
 object or quality removes any usual or na-
 tural effect, we may certainly conclude that
 its presence contributes to the production of
 the effect.

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T H U S we have endeavour'd to ac-
 count for *pity* and *malice*. Both
 these affections arise from the imagination,
 according to the light, in which it places its
 object. When our fancy considers directly
 the sentiments of others, and enters deep
 into them, it makes us sensible of all the
 passions it surveys, but in a particular man-
 ner of grief or sorrow. On the contrary,
 when we compare the sentiments of others
 to our own, we feel a sensation directly op-
 posite to the original one, *viz.* a joy from
 the grief of others, and a grief from their
 joy. But these are only the first founda-
 tions of the affections of *pity* and *malice*.
 Other passions are afterwards confounded
 with them. There is always a mixture of
 love or tenderness with *pity*, and of hatred
 or anger with *malice*. But it must be con-
 fess'd, that this mixture seems at first sight
 to be contradictory to my system. For as
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PART pity is an uneasiness, and malice a joy, arising from the misery of others, pity shou'd naturally, as in all other cases, produce hatred; and malice, love. This contradiction I endeavour to reconcile, after the following manner.

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IN order to cause a transition of passions, there is requir'd a double relation of impressions and ideas, nor is one relation sufficient to produce this effect. But that we may understand the full force of this double relation, we must consider, that 'tis not the present sensation alone or momentary pain or pleasure, which determines the character of any passion, but the whole bent or tendency of it from the beginning to the end. One impression may be related to another, not only when their sensations are resembling, as we have all along suppos'd in the preceding cases; but also when their impulses or directions are similar and correspondent. This cannot take place with regard to pride and humility; because these are only pure sensations, without any direction or tendency to action. We are, therefore, to look for instances of this peculiar relation of impressions only in such affections, as are attended with a certain appetite

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BENEVOLENCE or the appetite, which attends love, is a desire of the happiness of the person belov'd, and an aversion to his misery; as anger or the appetite, which attends hatred, is a desire of the misery of the person hated, and an aversion to his happiness. A desire, therefore, of the happiness of another, and aversion to his misery, are similar to benevolence; and a desire of his misery and aversion to his happiness are correspondent to anger. Now pity is a desire of happiness to another, and aversion to his misery; as malice is the contrary appetite. Pity, then, is related to benevolence; and malice to anger: And as benevolence has been already found to be connected with love, by a natural and original quality, and anger with hatred; 'tis by this chain the passions of pity and malice are connected with love and hatred.

THIS hypothesis is founded on sufficient experience. A man, who from any motives has entertain'd a resolution of performing an action, naturally runs into every other view or motive, which may fortify that resolution, and give it authority and influence

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PART influence on the mind. To confirm us in
 II. any design, we search for motives drawn
 from interest, from honour, from duty.
 What wonder, then, that pity and benevo-
 lence, malice, and anger, being the same
 desires arising from different principles,
 shou'd so totally mix together as to be un-
 distinguishable? As to the connexion be-
 twixt benevolence and love, anger and ha-
 tred, being *original* and primary, it admits
 of no difficulty.

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WE may add to this another experi-
 ment, *viz.* that benevolence and anger, and
 consequently love and hatred, arise when our
 happiness or misery have any dependance on
 the happiness or misery of another person,
 without any farther relation. I doubt not
 but this experiment will appear so singular
 as to excuse us for stopping a moment to
 consider it.

SUPPOSE, that two persons of the same
 trade shou'd seek employment in a town,
 that is not able to maintain both, 'tis plain
 the success of one is perfectly incompat-
 ible with that of the other, and that what-
 ever is for the interest of either is contrary
 to that of his rival, and so *vice versa*. Sup-
 pose again, that two merchants, tho' living
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in different parts of the world, shou'd enter into co-partnership together, the advantage or loss of one becomes immediately the advantage or loss of his partner, and the same fortune necessarily attends both. Now 'tis evident, that in the first case, hatred always follows upon the contrariety of interests; as in the second, love arises from their union. Let us consider to what principle we can ascribe these passions.

'TIS plain they arise not from the double relations of impressions and ideas, if we regard only the present sensation. For taking the first case of rivalry; tho' the pleasure and advantage of an antagonist necessarily causes my pain and loss, yet to counter-balance this, his pain and loss causes my pleasure and advantage; and supposing him to be unsuccessful, I may by this means receive from him a superior degree of satisfaction. In the same manner the success of a partner rejoices me, but then his misfortunes afflict me in an equal proportion; and 'tis easy to imagine, that the latter sentiment may in many cases preponderate. But whether the fortune of a rival or partner be good or bad, I always hate the former and love the latter.

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THIS love of a partner cannot proceed from the relation or connexion betwixt us; in the same manner as I love a brother or countryman. A rival has almost as close a relation to me as a partner. For as the pleasure of the latter causes my pleasure, and his pain my pain; so the pleasure of the former causes my pain, and his pain my pleasure. The connexion, then, of cause and effect is the same in both cases; and if in the one case, the cause and effect has a farther relation of resemblance, they have that of contrariety in the other; which, being also a species of resemblance, leaves the matter pretty equal.

THE only explication, then, we can give of this phænomenon is deriv'd from that principle of a parallel direction above-mention'd. Our concern for our own interest gives us a pleasure in the pleasure, and a pain in the pain of a partner, after the same manner as by sympathy we feel a sensation correspondent to those, which appear in any person, who is present with us. On the other hand, the same concern for our interest makes us feel a pain in the pleasure, and a pleasure in the pain of a rival; and in short the same contrariety of
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sentiments as arises from comparison and malice. Since, therefore, a parallel direction of the affections, proceeding from interest, can give rise to benevolence or anger, no wonder the same parallel direction, deriv'd from sympathy and from comparison, shou'd have the same effect.

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IN general we may observe, that 'tis impossible to do good to others, from whatever motive, without feeling some touches of kindness and good-will towards 'em; as the injuries we do, not only cause hatred in the person, who suffers them, but even in ourselves. These phænomena, indeed, may in part be accounted for from other principles.

BUT here there occurs a considerable objection, which 'twill be necessary to examine before we proceed any farther. I have endeavour'd to prove, that power and riches, or poverty and meanness; which give rise to love or hatred, without producing any original pleasure or uneasiness; operate upon us by means of a secondary sensation deriv'd from a sympathy with that pain or satisfaction, which they produce in the person, who possesses them. From a sympathy with his pleasure there arises love; from that with his uneasiness, hatred. But 'tis



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a maxim, which I have just now establish'd, and which is absolutely necessary to the explication of the phænomena of pity and malice, "That 'tis not the present sensation or momentary pain or pleasure, which determines the character of any passion, but the general bent or tendency of it from the beginning to the end." For this reason, pity or a sympathy with pain produces love, and that because it interests us in the fortunes of others, good or bad, and gives us a secondary sensation correspondent to the primary; in which it has the same influence with love and benevolence. Since then this rule holds good in one case, why does it not prevail throughout, and why does sympathy in uneasiness ever produce any passion beside good-will and kindness? Is it becoming a philosopher to alter his method of reasoning, and run from one principle to its contrary, according to the particular phænomenon, which he wou'd explain?

I HAVE mention'd two different causes, from which a transition of passion may arise, *viz.* a double relation of ideas and impressions, and what is similar to it, a conformity in the tendency and direction of any
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two desires, which arise from different principles. Now I assert, that when a sympathy with uneasiness is weak, it produces hatred or contempt by the former cause; when strong, it produces love or tenderness by the latter. This is the solution of the foregoing difficulty, which seems so urgent; and this is a principle founded on such evident arguments, that we ought to have establish'd it, even tho' it were not necessary to the explication of any phenomenon.

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THIS certain, that sympathy is not always limited to the present moment, but that we often feel by communication the pains and pleasures of others, which are not in being, and which we only anticipate by the force of imagination. For supposing I saw a person perfectly unknown to me, who, while asleep in the fields, was in danger of being trod under foot by horses, I shou'd immediately run to his assistance; and in this I shou'd be actuated by the same principle of sympathy, which makes me concern'd for the present sorrows of a stranger. The bare mention of this is sufficient. Sympathy being nothing but a lively idea converted into an impression, 'tis



PART II. evident, that, in considering the future possible or probable condition of any person, we may enter into it with so vivid a conception as to make it our own concern; and by that means be sensible of pains and pleasures, which neither belong to ourselves, nor at the present instant have any real existence.

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BUT however we may look forward to the future in sympathizing with any person, the extending of our sympathy depends in a great measure upon our sense of his present condition. 'Tis a great effort of imagination, to form such lively ideas even of the present sentiments of others as to feel these very sentiments; but 'tis impossible we could extend this sympathy to the future, without being aided by some circumstance in the present, which strikes upon us in a lively manner. When the present misery of another has any strong influence upon me, the vivacity of the conception is not confin'd merely to its immediate object, but diffuses its influence over all the related ideas, and gives me a lively notion of all the circumstances of that person, whether past, present, or future; possible, probable or certain. By means of this lively notion I
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am interested in them ; take part with them ; S E C T.
and feel a sympathetic motion in my breast, IX.

If I diminish the vivacity of the first concep-
tion, I diminish that of the related ideas ; as *Of the mixture of benevo- lence, &c.*

pipes can convey no more water than what
arises at the fountain. By this diminution
I destroy the future prospect, which is ne-
cessary to interest me perfectly in the for-
tune of another. I may feel the present
impression, but carry my sympathy no far-
ther, and never transfuse the force of the
first conception into my ideas of the related
objects. If it be another's misery, which
is presented in this feeble manner, I receive
it by communication, and am affected with
all the passions related to it : But as I am
not so much interested as to concern my-
self in his good fortune, as well as his bad,
I never feel the extensive sympathy, nor the
passions related to *it*.

N O W in order to know what passions are
related to these different kinds of sympathy,
we must consider, that benevolence is an
original pleasure arising from the pleasure of
the person belov'd, and a pain proceeding
from his pain : From which correspondence
of impressions there arises a subsequent de-



PART fire of his pleasure, and aversion to his
 II. pain. In order, then, to make a passion
 run parallel with benevolence, 'tis requisite
 we shou'd feel these double impressions,
 correspondent to those of the person, whom
 we consider; nor is any one of them alone
 sufficient for that purpose. When we sym-
 pathize only with one impression, and that
 a painful one, this sympathy is related to
 anger and to hatred, upon account of the
 uneasiness it conveys to us. But as the ex-
 tensive or limited sympathy depends upon
 the force of the first sympathy; it follows,
 that the passion of love or hatred depends
 upon the same principle. A strong impres-
 sion, when communicated, gives a double
 tendency of the passions; which is related
 to benevolence and love by a similitude of
 direction; however painful the first impres-
 sion might have been. A weak impression,
 that is painful, is related to anger and hatred
 by the resemblance of sensations. Benevo-
 lence, therefore, arises from a great degree
 of misery, or any degree strongly sympa-
 thiz'd with: Hatred or contempt from a
 small degree, or one weakly sympathiz'd
 with; which is the principle I intended to
 prove and explain.

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 tred.*

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NOR have we only our reason to trust to for this principle, but also experience. A certain degree of poverty produces contempt; but a degree beyond causes compassion and good-will. We may under-value a peasant or servant; but when the misery of a beggar appears very great, or is painted in very lively colours, we sympathize with him in his afflictions, and feel in our heart evident touches of pity and benevolence. The same object causes contrary passions according to its different degrees. The passions, therefore, must depend upon principles, that operate in such certain degrees, according to my hypothesis. The encrease of the sympathy has evidently the same effect as the encrease of the misery.

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IX.

Of the mixture of benevolence, &c.

A BARREN or desolate country always seems ugly and disagreeable, and commonly inspires us with contempt for the inhabitants. This deformity, however, proceeds in a great measure from a sympathy with the inhabitants, as has been already observ'd; but it is only a weak one, and reaches no farther than the immediate sensation, which is disagreeable. The view of a city in ashes conveys benevolent sentiments; because we there enter so deep into the inter-



PART rests of the miserable inhabitants, as to wish
 II. for their prosperity, as well as feel their ad-
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 and ha-
 tred.

BUT tho' the force of the impressi^on ge-
 nerally produces pity and benevolence, 'tis
 certain, that by being carry'd too far it ceases
 to have that effect. This, perhaps, may be
 worth our notice. When the uneasiness is
 either small in itself, or remote from us, it
 engages not the imagination, nor is able to
 convey an equal concern for the future
 and contingent good, as for the present and
 real evil. Upon its acquiring greater force,
 we become so interested in the concerns of
 the person, as to be sensible both of his
 good and bad fortune; and from that com-
 plet sympathy there arises pity and bene-
 volence. But 'twill easily be imagin'd, that
 where the present evil strikes with more
 than ordinary force, it may entirely en-
 gage our attention, and prevent that double
 sympathy, above-mention'd. Thus we
 find, that tho' every one, but especially
 women, are apt to contract a kindness
 for criminals, who go to the scaffold, and
 readily imagine them to be uncommonly
 handsome and well-shap'd; yet one, who
 is present at the cruel execution of the
 rack,

rack, feels no such tender emotions; but is in a manner overcome with horror, and has no leisure to temper this uneasy sensation by any opposite sympathy.

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Of the mixture of benevolence, &c.

BUT the instance, which makes the most clearly for my hypothesis, is that wherein by a change of the objects we separate the double sympathy even from a midling degree of the passion; in which case we find, that pity, instead of producing love and tenderness as usual, always gives rise to the contrary affection. When we observe a person in misfortunes, we are affected with pity and love; but the author of that misfortune becomes the object of our strongest hatred, and is the more detested in proportion to the degree of our compassion. Now for what reason shou'd the same passion of pity produce love to the person, who suffers the misfortune, and hatred to the person, who causes it; unless it be because in the latter case the author bears a relation only to the misfortune; whereas in considering the sufferer we carry our view on every side, and wish for his prosperity, as well as are sensible of his affliction?

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I SHALL just observe, before I leave the present subject, that this phænomenon of the double sympathy, and its tendency to cause love, may contribute to the production of the kindness, which we naturally bear our relations and acquaintance. Custom and relation make us enter deeply into the sentiments of others; and whatever fortune we suppose to attend them, is render'd present to us by the imagination, and operates as if originally our own. We rejoice in their pleasures, and grieve for their sorrows, merely from the force of sympathy. Nothing that concerns them is indifferent to us; and as this correspondence of sentiments is the natural attendant of love, it readily produces that affection,

SECT.

PART I.

S E C T. X.

Of respect and contempt.

THERE now remains only to explain S E C T.
the passions of *respect* and *contempt*, X.
along with the *amorous* affection, in order
to understand all the passions which have
any mixture of love or hatred. Let us be-
gin with respect and contempt.

IN considering the qualities and circum-
stances of others, we may either regard them
as they really are in themselves; or may
make a comparison betwixt them and our
own qualities and circumstances; or may
join these two methods of consideration.
The good qualities of others, from the first
point of view, produce love; from the se-
cond, humility; and from the third, respect;
which is a mixture of these two passions.
Their bad qualities, after the same manner,
cause either hatred, or pride, or contempt,
according to the light in which we survey
them.

THAT there is a mixture of pride in con-
tempt, and of humility in respect, is, I think,

too



PART too evident, from their very feeling or appearance, to require any particular proof.

II. *Of love and hatred.* That this mixture arises from a tacit comparison of the person contemn'd or respected with ourselves is no less evident. The same man may cause either respect, love, or contempt by his condition and talents, according as the person, who considers him, from his inferior becomes his equal or superior.

In changing the point of view, tho' the object may remain the same, its proportion to ourselves entirely alters; which is the cause of an alteration in the passions. These passions, therefore, arise from our observing the proportion; that is, from a comparison.

I HAVE already observ'd, that the mind has a much stronger propensity to pride than to humility, and have endeavour'd, from the principles of human nature, to assign a cause for this phenomenon. Whether my reasoning be receiv'd or not, the phenomenon is undisputed, and appears in many instances. Among the rest, 'tis the reason why there is a much greater mixture of pride in contempt, than of humility in respect, and why we are more elevated with the view of one below us, than mortify'd with the presence of one above us. Con-
tempt

tempt or scorn has so strong a tincture of SECT.
 pride, that there scarce is any other passion X.
 discernable: Whereas in esteem or respect, Of respect
 love makes a more considerable ingredient and con-
 than humility. The passion of vanity is so tempt.
 prompt, that it rouzes at the least call;
 while humility requires a stronger impulse
 to make it exert itself.

BUT here it may reasonably be ask'd,
 why this mixture takes place only in some
 cases, and appears not on every occasion. All
 those objects, which cause love, when plac'd
 on another person, are the causes of pride,
 when transfer'd to ourselves; and conse-
 quently ought to be causes of humility, as
 well as love, while they belong to others,
 and are only compar'd to those, which we
 ourselves possess. In like manner every qua-
 lity, which, by being directly consider'd,
 produces hatred, ought always to give rise
 to pride by comparision, and by a mixture
 of these passions of hatred and pride ought
 to excite contempt or scorn. The difficulty
 then is, why any objects ever cause pure
 love or hatred, and produce not always the
 mixt passions of respect and contempt.

I HAVE suppos'd all along, that the pas-
 sions of love and pride, and those of hu-
 mility

PART II. *Of love and hatred.* milicity and hatred are similar in their sensations, and that the two former are always agreeable, and the two latter painful. But tho' this be universally true, 'tis observable, that the two agreeable, as well as the two painful passions, have some differences, and even contrarieties, which distinguish them. Nothing invigorates and exalts the mind equally with pride and vanity; tho' at the same time love or tenderness is rather found to weaken and infeeble it. The same difference is observable betwixt the uneasy passions. Anger and hatred bestow a new force on all our thoughts and actions; while humility and shame deject and discourage us. Of these qualities of the passions, 'twill be necessary to form a distinct idea. Let us remember, that pride and hatred invigorate the soul; and love and humility infeeble it.

FROM this it follows, that tho' the conformity betwixt love and hatred in the agreeableness of their sensation makes them always be excited by the same objects, yet this other contrariety is the reason, why they are excited in very different degrees. Genius and learning are *pleasant* and *magnificent* objects, and by both these circumstances

stances are adapted to pride and vanity; but SECT.
 have a relation to love by their pleasure on- X.
 ly. Ignorance and simplicity are *disagree-* *Of respect*
able and *mean*, which in the same manner *and con-*
 gives them a double connexion with hu- *tempt.*
 mility, and a single one with hatred. We
 may, therefore, consider it as certain, that
 tho' the same object always produces
 love and pride, humility and hatred, ac-
 cording to its different situations, yet it fel-
 dom produces either the two former or the
 two latter passions in the same proportion.

"TIS here we must seek for a solution
 of the difficulty above-mention'd, why any
 object ever excites pure love or hatred, and
 does not always produce respect or contempt,
 by a mixture of humility or pride. No
 quality in another gives rise to humility by
 comparison, unless it wou'd have produc'd
 pride by being plac'd in ourselves; and
vice versa no object excites pride by com-
 parison, unless it wou'd have produc'd
 humility by the direct survey. This is evi-
 dent, objects always produce by *comparison*
 a sensation directly contrary to their *origi-*
nal one. Suppose, therefore, an object to
 be presented, which is peculiarly fitted to
 produce love, but imperfectly to excite pride;
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PART this object, belonging to another, gives rise
 II. directly to a great degree of love, but to a
Of love small one of humility by comparison; and
and ha- consequently that latter passion is scarce felt
tried. in the compound, nor is able to convert
 the love into respect. This is the case with
 good nature, good humour, facility, gene-
 rosity, beauty, and many other qualities.
 These have a peculiar aptitude to produce
 love in others; but not so great a tendency
 to excite pride in ourselves: For which
 reason the view of them, as belonging to
 another person, produces pure love, with
 but a small mixture of humility and respect.
 'Tis easy to extend the same reasoning to
 the opposite passions.

BEFORE we leave this subject, it may
 not be amiss to account for a pretty curious
 phenomenon, *viz.* why we commonly keep
 at a distance such as we contemn, and al-
 low not our inferiors to approach too near
 even in place and situation. It has al-
 ready been observ'd, that almost every kind
 of idea is attended with some emotion, even
 the ideas of number and extension, much
 more those of such objects as are esteem'd
 of consequence in life, and fix our attention.
 'Tis not with entire indifference we can sur-
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vey either a rich man or a poor one, but SECT.
 must feel some faint touches, at least, of X.
 respect in the former case, and of contempt in Of respect
 the latter. These two passions are contrary and con-
 to each other; but in order to make this tempt.
 contrariety be felt, the objects must be some-
 way related; otherwise the affections are to-
 tally separate and distinct, and never en-
 counter. The relation takes place wherever
 the persons become contiguous; which is
 a general reason why we are uneasy at see-
 ing such disproportion'd objects, as a rich
 man and a poor one, a nobleman and a
 porter, in that situation.

THIS uneasiness, which is common to
 every spectator, must be more sensible to the
 superior; and that because the near approach
 of the inferior is regarded as a piece of ill-
 breeding, and shews that he is not sensible
 of the disproportion, and is no way affected
 by it. A sense of superiority in another
 breeds in all men an inclination to keep
 themselves at a distance from him, and de-
 termines them to redouble the marks of re-
 spect and reverence, when they are oblig'd
 to approach him; and where they do not
 observe that conduct, 'tis a proof they are
 not sensible of his superiority. From hence
 too

PART too it proceeds, that any great *difference* in
 II. the degrees of any quality is call'd a *distance*
 by a common metaphor, which, however
Of love trivial it may appear, is founded on natural
and ha- principles of the imagination. A great dif-
tered. ference inclines us to produce a distance.
 The ideas of distance and difference are,
 therefore, connected together. Connected
 ideas are readily taken for each other; and
 this is in general the source of the metaphor,
 as we shall have occasion to observe after-
 wards.

S E C T. XI.

*Of the amorous passion, or love be-
 twixt the sexes.*

O F all the compound passions, which
 proceed from a mixture of love and
 hatred with other affections, no one better de-
 serves our attention, than that love, which
 arises betwixt the sexes, as well on account
 of its force and violence, as those curious
 principles of philosophy, for which it af-
 fords us an uncontestable argument. 'Tis
 plain, that this affection, in its most natu-
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ral state, is deriv'd from the conjunction SECT.
of three different impreffions or passions, XI.
viz. The pleasing sensation arising from Of the a-
beauty; the bodily appetite for generation; morous pas-
and a generous kindness or good-will. The sion, &c.
origin of kindness from beauty may be
explain'd from the foregoing reasoning.
The question is how the bodily appetite is
excited by it.


THE appetite of generation, when con-
fin'd to a certain degree, is evidently of the
pleasant kind, and has a strong connexion
with all the agreeable emotions. Joy, mirth,
vanity, and kindness are all incentives to this
desire; as well as music, dancing, wine, and
good cheer. On the other hand, sorrow,
melancholy, poverty, humility are destruc-
tive of it. From this quality 'tis easily con-
ceiv'd why it shou'd be connected with the
sense of beauty.

BUT there is another principle that con-
tributes to the same effect. I have observ'd
that the parallel direction of the desires is a
real relation, and no less than a resemblance
in their sensation, produces a connexion
among them. That we may fully com-
prehend the extent of this relation, we must
consider, that any principal desire may be



PART attended with subordinate ones, which are connected with it, and to which if other desires are parallel, they are by that means related to the principal one. Thus hunger may oft be consider'd as the primary inclination of the soul, and the desire of approaching the meat as the secondary one; since 'tis absolutely necessary to the satisfying that appetite. If an object, therefore, by any separate qualities, inclines us to approach the meat, it naturally encreases our appetite; as on the contrary, whatever inclines us to set our victuals at a distance, is contradictory to hunger, and diminishes our inclination to them. Now 'tis plain that beauty has the first effect, and deformity the second: Which is the reason why the former gives us a keener appetite for our victuals, and the latter is sufficient to disgust us at the most savoury dish, that cookery has invented. All this is easily applicable to the appetite for generation.

FROM these two relations, *viz.* resemblance and a parallel desire, there arises such a connexion betwixt the sense of beauty, the bodily appetite, and benevolence, that they become in a manner inseparable: And we find from experience, that 'tis indifferent

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 and hatred.*



different which of them advances first; since any of them is almost sure to be attended with the related affections. One, who is inflam'd with lust, feels at least a momentary kindness towards the object of it, and at the same time fancies her more beautiful than ordinary; as there are many, who begin with kindness and esteem for the wit and merit of the person, and advance from that to the other passions. But the most common species of love is that which first arises from beauty, and afterwards diffuses itself into kindness and into the bodily appetite. Kindness or esteem, and the appetite to generation, are too remote to unite easily together. The one is, perhaps, the most refin'd passion of the soul; the other the most gross and vulgar. The love of beauty is plac'd in a just medium betwixt them, and partakes of both their natures: From whence it proceeds, that 'tis so singularly fitted to produce both.

THIS account of love is not peculiar to my system, but is unavoidable on any hypothesis. The three affections, which compose this passion, are evidently distinct, and has each of them its distinct object. 'Tis certain, therefore, that 'tis only by their re-

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XI.*Of the
amorous
passion, &c.*

PART lation they produce each other. But the
 II. relation of passions is not alone sufficient,
 Of love 'Tis likewise necessary, there shou'd be a
 and ha- relation of ideas. The beauty of one per-
 tred. son never inspires us with love for another.
 This then is a sensible proof of the double
 relation of impressions and ideas. From one
 instance so evident as this we may form a
 judgment of the rest.

THIS may also serve in another view to
 illustrate what I have insisted on concern-
 ing the origin of pride and humility, love
 and hatred. I have observ'd, that tho' self
 be the object of the first set of passions, and
 some other person of the second, yet these
 objects cannot alone be the causes of the
 passions; as having each of them a relation
 to two contrary affections, which must from
 the very first moment destroy each other.
 Here then is the situation of the mind, as
 I have already describ'd it. It has certain
 organs naturally fitted to produce a passion;
 that passion, when produc'd, naturally turns
 the view to a certain object. But this not
 being sufficient to produce the passion, there
 is requir'd some other emotion, which by
 a double relation of impressions and ideas
 may set these principles in action, and be-
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flow on them their first impulse. This si- S E C T.
 tuation is still more remarkable with regard XI.
 to the appetite of generation. Sex is not *Of the a-*
 only the object, but also the cause of the *morous pas-*
 appetite. We not only turn our view to it, *sion, &c.*
 when actuated by that appetite; but the re-
 flecting on it suffices to excite the appetite.
 But as this cause loses its force by too great
 frequency, 'tis necessary it shou'd be quick-
 en'd by some new impulse; and that im-
 pulse we find to arise from the *beauty* of
 the *person*; that is, from a double relation
 of impressions and ideas. Since this double
 relation is necessary where an affection has
 both a distinct cause, and object, how much
 more so, where it has only a distinct ob-
 ject, without any determinate cause?

S E C T. XII.

*Of the love and hatred of ani-
 mals.*

BUT to pass from the passions of love S E C T.
 and hatred, and from their mixtures XII.
 and compositions, as they appear in man, *Of the a-*
 to the same affections, as they display them- *morous pas-*
 selves



PART II. selves in brutes; we may observe, not only that love and hatred are common to the whole sensitive creation, but likewise that their causes, as above-explain'd, are of so simple a nature, that they may easily be suppos'd to operate on mere animals. There is no force of reflection or penetration requir'd. Every thing is conducted by springs and principles, which are not peculiar to man, or any one species of animals. The conclusion from this is obvious in favour of the foregoing system.

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and ha-
tred.*

LOVE in animals, has not for its only object animals of the same species, but extends itself farther, and comprehends almost every sensible and thinking being. A dog naturally loves a man above his own species, and very commonly meets with a return of affection.

As animals are but little susceptible either of the pleasures or pains of the imagination, they can judge of objects only by the sensible good or evil, which they produce, and from *that* must regulate their affections towards them. Accordingly we find, that by benefits or injuries we produce their love or hatred; and that by feeding and cherishing any animal, we quickly acquire his

his affections; as by beating and abusing him we never fail to draw on us his enmity and ill-will. S E C T.
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— LOVE in beasts is not caus'd so much by relation, as in our species; and that because their thoughts are not so active as to trace relations, except in very obvious instances. Yet 'tis easy to remark, that on some occasions it has a considerable influence upon them. Thus acquaintance, which has the same effect as relation, always produces love in animals either to men or to each other. For the same reason any likeness among them is the source of affection. An ox confin'd to a park with horses, will naturally join their company, if I may so speak, but always leaves it to enjoy that of his own species, where he has the choice of both.

THE affection of parents to their young proceeds from a peculiar instinct in animals, as well as in our species.

'TIS evident, that *sympathy*, or the communication of passions, takes place among animals, no less than among men. Fear, anger, courage and other affections are frequently communicated from one animal to another, without their knowledge of that



PART II. *Of love and hatred.* cause, which produc'd the original passion. Grief likewise is receiv'd by sympathy; and produces almost all the same consequences, and excites the same emotions as in our species. The howlings and lamentations of a dog produce a sensible concern in his fellows. And 'tis remarkable, that tho' almost all animals use in play the same member, and nearly the same action as in fighting; a lion, a tyger, a cat their paws; an ox his horns; a dog his teeth; a horse his heels: Yet they most carefully avoid harming their companion, even tho' they have nothing to fear from his resentment; which is an evident proof of the sense brutes have of each other's pain and pleasure.

EVERY one has observ'd how much more dogs are animated when they hunt in a pack, than when they pursue their game apart; and 'tis evident this can proceed from nothing but from sympathy. 'Tis also well known to hunters, that this effect follows in a greater degree, and even in too great a degree, where two packs, that are strangers to each other, are join'd together. We might, perhaps, be at a loss to explain this phenomenon, if we had

had not experience of a simular in our-
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felves.

ENVY and malice are passions very re-
markable in animals. They are perhaps
more common than pity ; as requiring less
effort of thought and imagination.

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love and
hatred of
animals.*



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had not experience of a kind in our
island, and in our country, and
the very same method and manner very
method in animals. They are perhaps
more common than they are among
that of the mind and imagination.

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P A R T III.

*Of the will and direct pas-
sions.*

S E C T. I.

Of liberty and necessity.

WE come now to explain the *direct* S E C T. I. passions, or the impressions, which arise immediately from good or evil, from pain or pleasure. Of this kind are, *desire and aversion, grief and joy, hope and fear.*

OF all the immediate effects of pain and pleasure, there is none more remarkable than the WILL; and tho', properly speaking, it be not comprehended among the passions, yet as the full understanding of its

PART its nature and properties, is necessary to
 III. the explanation of them, we shall here
 make it the subject of our enquiry. I de-
 fire it may be observ'd, that by the *will*, I
 mean nothing but *the internal impression we
 feel and are conscious of, when we knowing-
 ly give rise to any new motion of our body, or
 new perception of our mind.* This impres-
 sion, like the preceding ones of pride and
 humility, love and hatred, 'tis impossible to
 define, and needless to describe any farther;
 for which reason we shall cut off all those
 definitions and distinctions, with which phi-
 losophers are wont to perplex rather than
 clear up this question; and entering at first
 upon the subject, shall examine that long
 disputed question concerning *liberty and ne-
 cessity*; which occurs so naturally in treating
 of the will.

'TIS universally acknowledg'd, that the
 operations of external bodies are necessary,
 and that in the communication of their mo-
 tion, in their attraction, and mutual cohe-
 sion, there are not the least traces of indif-
 ference or liberty. Every object is deter-
 min'd by an absolute fate to a certain de-
 gree and direction of its motion, and can no
 more depart from that precise line, in which
 it

it moves, than it can convert itself into an S E C T.
 angel, or spirit, or any superior substance. I.

The actions, therefore, of matter are to be re-
 garded as instances of necessary actions; and
 whatever is in this respect on the same footing
 with matter, must be acknowledg'd to be ne-
 cessary. That we may know whether this be
 the case with the actions of the mind, we
 shall begin with examining matter, and
 considering on what the idea of a necessity
 in its operations are founded, and why we
 conclude one body or action to be the in-
 fallible cause of another.

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 and neces-
 sity.*

IT has been observ'd already, that in no
 single instance the ultimate connexion of
 any objects is discoverable, either by our
 senses or reason, and that we can never
 penetrate so far into the essence and con-
 struction of bodies, as to perceive the prin-
 ciple, on which their mutual influence de-
 pends. 'Tis their constant union alone,
 with which we are acquainted; and 'tis
 from the constant union the necessity arises.
 If objects had not an uniform and regular
 conjunction with each other, we shou'd
 never arrive at any idea of cause and effect;
 and even after all, the necessity, which en-
 ters into that idea, is nothing but a determi-
 nation



PART nation of the mind to pass from one object
 III. to its usual attendant, and infer the exist-
 Of the *will and direct pas-* tence of one from that of the other. Here
sions. then are two particulars, which we are to
 consider as essential to necessity, *viz.* the
 constant *union* and the *inference* of the
 mind; and wherever we discover these
 we must acknowledge a necessity. As the
 actions of matter have no necessity, but
 what is deriv'd from these circumstances,
 and it is not by any insight into the essence
 of bodies we discover their connexion, the
 absence of this insight, while the union and
 inference remain, will never, in any case,
 remove the necessity. 'Tis the observation
 of the union, which produces the infe-
 rence; for which reason it might be
 thought sufficient, if we prove a constant
 union in the actions of the mind, in order
 to establish the inference, along with the
 necessity of these actions. But that I may
 bestow a greater force on my reasoning, I
 shall examine these particulars apart, and
 shall first prove from experience, that our
 actions have a constant union with our mo-
 tives, tempers, and circumstances, before I
 consider the inferences we draw from it.

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To this end a very slight and general view of the common course of human affairs will be sufficient. There is no light, in which we can take them, that does not confirm this principle. Whether we consider mankind according to the difference of sexes, ages, governments, conditions, or methods of education; the same uniformity and regular operation of natural principles are discernible. Like causes still produce like effects; in the same manner as in the mutual action of the elements and powers of nature.

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*Of liberty
and necessity.*

THERE are different trees, which regularly produce fruit, whose relish is different from each other; and this regularity will be admitted as an instance of necessity and causes in external bodies. But are the products of *Guienne* and of *Champagne* more regularly different than the sentiments, actions, and passions of the two sexes, of which the one are distinguish'd by their force and maturity, the other by their delicacy and softness?

ARE the changes of our body from infancy to old age more regular and certain than those of our mind and conduct? And wou'd a man be more ridiculous, who wou'd

PART wou'd expect that an infant of four years
 III. old will raise a weight of three hundred
 pound, than one, who from a person of the
 same age, wou'd look for a philoso-
 phical reasoning, or a prudent and well-
 concerted action?

*Of the
 will and
 direct pas-
 sions.*

WE must certainly allow, that the co-
 hesion of the parts of matter arises from na-
 tural and necessary principles, whatever dif-
 ficulty we may find in explaining them:
 And for a like reason we must allow, that
 human society is founded on like principles;
 and our reason in the latter case, is better
 than even that in the former; because we
 not only observe, that men *always* seek so-
 ciety, but can also explain the principles, on
 which this universal propensity is founded.
 For is it more certain, that two flat pieces
 of marble will unite together, than that two
 young savages of different sexes will copu-
 late? Do the children arise from this copu-
 lation more uniformly, than does the pa-
 rents care for their safety and preservation?
 And after they have arriv'd at years of dis-
 cretion by the care of their parents, are the
 inconveniencies attending their separation
 more certain than their foresight of these
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inconveniencies, and their care of avoiding them by a close union and confederacy? S E C T. I.

THE skin, pores, muscles, and nerves of a day-labourer are different from those of a man of quality: So are his sentiments, actions and manners. The different stations of life influence the whole fabric, external and internal; and these different stations arise necessarily, because uniformly, from the necessary and uniform principles of human nature. Men cannot live without society, and cannot be associated without government. Government makes a distinction of property, and establishes the different ranks of men. This produces industry, traffic, manufactures, law-suits, war, leagues, alliances, voyages, travels, cities, fleets, ports, and all those other actions and objects, which cause such a diversity, and at the same time maintain such an uniformity in human life.

SHOU'D a traveller, returning from a far country, tell us, that he had seen a climate in the fiftieth degree of northern latitude, where all the fruits ripen and come to perfection in the winter, and decay in the summer, after the same manner as in *England* they are produc'd and decay in the



PART contrary seasons, he wou'd find few so credulous as to believe him. I am apt to think a traveller wou'd meet with as little credit, who shou'd inform us of people exactly of the same character with those in *Plato's* republic on the one hand, or those in *Hobbes's Leviathan* on the other. There is a general course of nature in human actions, as well as in the operations of the sun and the climate. There are also characters peculiar to different nations and particular persons, as well as common to mankind. The knowledge of these characters is founded on the observation of an uniformity in the actions, that flow from them; and this uniformity forms the very essence of necessity.

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I CAN imagine only one way of eluding this argument, which is by denying that uniformity of human actions, on which it is founded. As long as actions have a constant union and connexion with the situation and temper of the agent, however we may in words refuse to acknowledge the necessity, we really allow the thing. Now some may, perhaps, find a pretext to deny this regular union and connexion. For what is more capricious than human actions?

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 desires of man? And what creature departs

more widely, not only from right reason, *Of liberty and necessity.*
 but from his own character and disposition?

An hour, a moment is sufficient to make him change from one extreme to another, and overturn what cost the greatest pain and labour to establish. Necessity is regular and certain. Human conduct is irregular and uncertain. The one, therefore, proceeds not from the other.

To this I reply, that in judging of the actions of men we must proceed upon the same maxims, as when we reason concerning external objects. When any phenomena are constantly and invariably conjoin'd together, they acquire such a connexion in the imagination, that it passes from one to the other, without any doubt or hesitation. But below this there are many inferior degrees of evidence and probability, nor does one single contrariety of experiment entirely destroy all our reasoning. The mind ballances the contrary experiments, and deducting the inferior from the superior, proceeds with that degree of assurance or evidence, which remains. Even when these contrary experiments are entirely equal, we remove not

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PART the notion of causes and necessity; but sup-
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 sions. ceal'd causes, we conclude, that the chance
 or indifference lies only in our judgment on
 account of our imperfect knowledge, not
 in the things themselves, which are in eve-
 ry case equally necessary, tho' to appear-
 ance not equally constant or certain. No
 union can be more constant and certain,
 than that of some actions with some motives
 and characters; and if in other cases the
 union is uncertain, 'tis no more than what
 happens in the operations of body, nor can
 we conclude any thing from the one irre-
 gularity, which will not follow equally from
 the other.

'TIS commonly allow'd that mad-men
 have no liberty. But were we to judge
 by their actions, these have less regularity
 and constancy than the actions of wise-
 men, and consequently are farther remov'd
 from necessity. One way of thinking in
 this particular is, therefore, absolutely in-
 consistent; but is a natural consequence of
 these confus'd ideas and undefin'd terms,
 which we so commonly make use of in
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our reasonings, especially on the present SECT.
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WE must now shew, that as the *union* ^{Of liberty}
betwixt motives and actions has the same ^{and neces-}
constancy, as that in any natural operations, ^{sity.}
so its influence on the understanding is also
the same, in *determining* us to infer the ex-
istence of one from that of another. If this
shall appear, there is no known circum-
stance, that enters into the connexion and
production of the actions of matter, that is
not to be found in all the operations of the
mind; and consequently we cannot, with-
out a manifest absurdity, attribute necessity
to the one, and refuse it to the other.

THERE is no philosopher, whose judg-
ment is so riveted to this fantastical system
of liberty, as not to acknowledge the force of
moral evidence, and both in speculation and
proceed upon it, as upon a reasonable foun-
dation. Now moral evidence is nothing
but a conclusion concerning the actions of
men, deriv'd from the consideration of their
motives, temper and situation. Thus when
we see certain characters or figures describ'd
upon paper, we infer that the person, who
produc'd them, wou'd affirm such facts, the
death of *Cæsar*, the success of *Augustus*,



PART the cruelty of *Nero*; and remembering many other concurrent testimonies we conclude, that those facts were once really existent, and that so many men, without any interest, wou'd never conspire to deceive us; especially since they must, in the attempt, expose themselves to the derision of all their contemporaries, when these facts were asserted to be recent and universally known. The same kind of reasoning runs thro' politics, war, commerce, oeconomy, and indeed mixes itself so entirely in human life, that 'tis impossible to act or subsist a moment without having recourse to it. A prince, who imposes a tax upon his subjects, expects their compliance. A general, who conducts an army, makes account of a certain degree of courage. A merchant looks for fidelity and skill in his factor or super-cargo. A man, who gives orders for his dinner, doubts not of the obedience of his servants. In short, as nothing more nearly interests us than our own actions and those of others, the greatest part of our reasonings is employ'd in judgments concerning them. Now I assert, that whoever reasons after this manner, does *ipso facto* believe the actions of the will to arise from necessity,

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necessity, and that he knows not what he means, when he denies it. S E C T.

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ALL those objects, of which we call the one *cause* and the other *effect*, consider'd in themselves, are as distinct and separate from each other, as any two things in nature, nor can we ever, by the most accurate survey of them, infer the existence of the one from that of the other. 'Tis only from experience and the observation of their constant union, that we are able to form this inference; and even after all, the inference is nothing but the effects of custom on the imagination. We must not here be content with saying, that the idea of cause and effect arises from objects constantly united; but must affirm, that 'tis the very same with the idea of these objects, and that the *necessary connexion* is not discover'd by a conclusion of the understanding, but is merely a perception of the mind. Wherever, therefore, we observe the same union, and wherever the union operates in the same manner upon the belief and opinion, we have the idea of causes and necessity, tho' perhaps we may avoid those expressions. Motion in one body in all past instances, that have fallen under our observation, is

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PART follow'd upon impulse by motion in another. 'Tis impossible for the mind to penetrate farther. From this constant union it forms the idea of cause and effect, and by its influence feels the necessity. As there is the same constancy, and the same influence in what we call moral evidence, I ask no more. What remains can only be a dispute of words.

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AND indeed, when we consider how aptly *natural* and *moral* evidence cement together, and form only one chain of argument betwixt them, we shall make no scruple to allow, that they are of the same nature, and deriv'd from the same principles. A prisoner, who has neither money nor interest, discovers the impossibility of his escape, as well from the obstinacy of the goaler, as from the walls and bars with which he is surrounded; and in all attempts for his freedom chuses rather to work upon the stone and iron of the one, than upon the inflexible nature of the other. The same prisoner, when conducted to the scaffold, foresees his death as certainly from the constancy and fidelity of his guards as from the operation of the ax or wheel. His mind runs along a certain train of ideas;

ideas: The refusal of the soldiers to consent to his escape, the action of the executioner; the separation of the head and body; bleeding, convulsive motions, and death.

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Here is a connected chain of natural causes and voluntary actions; but the mind feels no difference betwixt them in passing from one link to another; nor is less certain of the future event than if it were connected with the present impressions of the memory and senses by a train of causes cemented together by what we are pleas'd to call a *physical necessity*. The same experienc'd union has the same effect on the mind, whether the united objects be motives, volitions and actions; or figure and motion. We may change the names of things; but their nature and their operation on the understanding never change.

I DARE be positive no one will ever endeavour to refute these reasonings otherwise than by altering my definitions, and assigning a different meaning to the terms of *cause, and effect, and necessity, and liberty, and chance*. According to my definitions, necessity makes an essential part of causation; and consequently liberty, by removing necessity, removes also causes, and is the very same thing

PART III. thing with chance. As chance is commonly thought to imply a contradiction, and is at least directly contrary to experience, there are always the same arguments against liberty or free-will. If any one alters the definitions, I cannot pretend to argue with him, 'till I know the meaning he assigns to these terms.

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S E C T. II. I BELIEVE we may assign the three following reasons for the prevalence of the doctrine of liberty, however absurd it may be in one sense, and unintelligible in any other. First, After we have perform'd any action; tho' we confess we were influenc'd by particular views and motives; 'tis difficult for us to perswade ourselves we were govern'd by necessity, and that 'twas utterly impossible for us to have acted otherwise; the idea of necessity seeming to imply something of force, and violence, and constraint, of which we are not sensible. Few are capable of distinguishing betwixt the liberty of *spontaniety*, as it is call'd in
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the schools, and the liberty of *indifference*; SECT.
 betwixt that which is oppos'd to violence, II.
 and that which means a negation of neces-
 sity and causes. The first is even the most
 common sense of the word; and as 'tis
 only that species of liberty, which it con-
 cerns us to preserve, our thoughts have been
 principally turn'd towards it, and have almost
 universally confounded it with the other.

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SECONDLY, There is a *false sensation*
or experience even of the liberty of indif-
 ference; which is regarded as an argument
 for its real existence. The necessity of any
 action, whether of matter or of the mind,
 is not properly a quality in the agent, but
 in any thinking or intelligent being, who
 may consider the action, and consists in the
 determination of his thought to infer its
 existence from some preceding objects: As
 liberty or chance, on the other hand, is
 nothing but the want of that determination,
 and a certain looseness, which we feel in
 passing or not passing from the idea of one
 to that of the other. Now we may observe,
 that tho' in reflecting on human actions we
 seldom feel such a looseness or indifference,
 yet it very commonly happens, that in per-
 forming the actions themselves we are sen-
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PART fible of somerhing like it: And as all related or resembling objects are readily taken for each other, this has been employ'd as a demonstrative or even an intuitive proof of human liberty. We feel that our actions are subject to our will on most occasions, and imagine we feel that the will itself is subject to nothing; because when by a denial of it we are provok'd to try, we feel that it moves easily every way, and produces an image of itself even on that side, on which it did not settle. This image or faint motion, we persuade ourselves, cou'd have been compleated into the thing itself; because, shou'd that be deny'd, we find, upon a second trial, that it can. But these efforts are all in vain; and whatever capricious and irregular actions we may perform; as the desire of showing our liberty is the sole motive of our actions; we can never free ourselves from the bonds of necessity. We may imagine we feel a liberty within ourselves; but a spectator can commonly infer our actions from our motives and character; and even where he cannot, he concludes in general, that he might, were he perfectly acquainted with every circumstance of our situation and temper, and the most

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secret springs of our complexion and disposition. Now this is the very essence of necessity, according to the foregoing doctrine.

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A THIRD reason why the doctrine of liberty has generally been better receiv'd in the world, than its antagonist, proceeds from religion, which has been very unnecessarily interested in this question. There is no method of reasoning more common, and yet none more blameable, than in philosophical debates to endeavour to refute any hypothesis by a pretext of its dangerous consequences to religion and morality. When any opinion leads us into absurdities, 'tis certainly false; but 'tis not certain an opinion is false, because 'tis of dangerous consequence. Such topics, therefore, ought entirely to be foreborn, as serving nothing to the discovery of truth, but only to make the person of an antagonist odious. This I observe in general, without pretending to draw any advantage from it. I submit myself frankly to an examination of this kind, and dare venture to affirm, that the doctrine of necessity, according to my explication of it, is not only innocent, but even advantageous to religion and morality.

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PART I DEFINE necessity two ways, conformable to the two definitions of *cause*, of which

III. *Of the will and direct passions.* it makes an essential part. I place it either in the constant union and conjunction of like objects, or in the inference of the mind from the one to the other. Now necessity, in both these senses, has universally, tho' tacitely, in the schools, in the pulpit, and in common life, been allow'd to belong to the will of man, and no one has ever pretended to deny, that we can draw inferences concerning human actions, and that those inferences are founded on the experienc'd union of like actions with like motives and circumstances. The only particular in which any one can differ from me, is either, that perhaps he will refuse to call this necessity. But as long as the meaning is understood, I hope the word can do no harm. Or that he will maintain there is something else in the operations of matter. Now whether it be so or not is of no consequence to religion, whatever it may be to natural philosophy. I may be mistaken in asserting, that we have no idea of any other connexion in the actions of body, and shall be glad to be farther instructed on that head: But sure I am, I ascribe nothing to the actions

tions of the mind, but what must readily be allow'd of. Let no one, therefore, put an invidious construction on my words, by saying simply, that I assert the necessity of human actions, and place them on the same footing with the operations of senseless matter. I do not ascribe to the will that unintelligible necessity, which is suppos'd to lie in matter. But I ascribe to matter, that intelligible quality, call it necessity or not, which the most rigorous orthodoxy does or must allow to belong to the will. I change, therefore, nothing in the receiv'd systems, with regard to the will, but only with regard to material objects.

NAY I shall go farther, and assert, that this kind of necessity is so essential to religion and morality, that without it there must ensue an absolute subversion of both, and that every other supposition is entirely destructive to all laws both *divine* and *human*. 'Tis indeed certain, that as all human laws are founded on rewards and punishments, 'tis suppos'd as a fundamental principle, that these motives have an influence on the mind, and both produce the good and prevent the evil actions. We may give to this influence what name we please; but

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 of that necessity, which I wou'd establish.

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THIS reasoning is equally solid, when ap-
 ply'd to *divine* laws, so far as the deity is
 consider'd as a legislator, and is suppos'd to
 inflict punishment and bestow rewards with a
 design to produce obedience. But I also
 maintain, that even where he acts not in
 his magisterial capacity, but is regarded as
 the avenger of crimes merely on account
 of their odiousness and deformity, not on-
 ly 'tis impossible, without the necessary con-
 nexion of cause and effect in human actions,
 that punishments cou'd be inflicted compa-
 tible with justice and moral equity; but also
 that it cou'd ever enter into the thoughts of
 any reasonable being to inflict them. The
 constant and universal object of hatred or
 anger is a person or creature endow'd with
 thought and consciousness; and when any
 criminal or injurious actions excite that pas-
 sion, 'tis only by their relation to the per-
 son or connexion with him. But accord-
 ing to the doctrine of liberty or chance, this
 connexion is reduc'd to nothing, nor are
 men more accountable for those actions,
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which are design'd and premeditated, than for such as are the most casual and accidental. Actions are by their very nature temporary and perishing; and where they proceed not from some cause in the characters and disposition of the person, who perform'd them, they infix not themselves upon him, and can neither redound to his honour, if good, nor infamy, if evil. The action itself may be blameable; it may be contrary to all the rules of morality and religion: But the person is not responsible for it; and as it proceeded from nothing in him, that is durable or constant, and leaves nothing of that nature behind it, 'tis impossible he can, upon its account, become the object of punishment or vengeance. According to the hypothesis of liberty, therefore, a man is as pure and untainted, after having committed the most horrid crimes, as at the first moment of his birth, nor is his character any way concern'd in his actions; since they are not deriv'd from it, and the wickedness of the one can never be us'd as a proof of the depravity of the other. 'Tis only upon the principles of necessity, that a person acquires any merit or demerit from his actions, how-

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BUT so inconsistent are men with themselves, that tho' they often assert, that necessity utterly destroys all merit and demerit either towards mankind or superior powers, yet they continue still to reason upon these very principles of necessity in all their judgments concerning this matter. Men are not blam'd for such evil actions as they perform ignorantly and casually, whatever may be their consequences. Why? but because the causes of these actions are only momentary, and terminate in them alone. Men are less blam'd for such evil actions, as they perform hastily and unpremeditatedly, than for such as proceed from thought and deliberation. For what reason? but because a hasty temper, tho' a constant cause in the mind, operates only by intervals, and infects not the whole character. Again, repentance wipes off every crime, especially if attended with an evident reformation of life and manners. How is this to be accounted for? But by asserting that actions render a person criminal, merely as they are proofs of criminal passions or principles in the mind; and when by any alteration

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 just proofs, they likewise cease to be cri- II.
 minal. But according to the doctrine of *The same*
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 and consequently never were criminal. *tinn'd.*

HERE then I turn to my adversary, and desire him to free his own system from these odious consequences before he charge them upon others. Or if he rather chuses, that this question shou'd be decided by fair arguments before philosophers, than by declamations before the people, let him return to what I have advanc'd to prove that liberty and chance are synonymous; and concerning the nature of moral evidence and the regularity of human actions. Upon a review of these reasonings, I cannot doubt of an entire victory; and therefore having prov'd, that all actions of the will have particular causes, I proceed to explain what these causes are, and how they operate.

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NOTHING is more usual in philosophy, and even in common life, than to talk of the combat of passion and reason, to give the preference to reason, and assert that men are only so far virtuous as they conform themselves to its dictates. Every rational creature, 'tis said, is oblig'd to regulate his actions by reason; and if any other motive or principle challenge the direction of his conduct, he ought to oppose it, 'till it be entirely subdu'd, or at least brought to a conformity with that superior principle. On this method of thinking the greatest part of moral philosophy, antient and modern, seems to be founded; nor is their an ampler field, as well for metaphysical arguments, as popular declamations, than this suppos'd pre-eminence of reason above passion. The eternity, invariableness, and divine origin of the former have been display'd to the best advantage: The blindness, unconstancy, and deceitfulness

ness of the latter have been as strongly insisted on. In order to shew the fallacy of all this philosophy, I shall endeavour to prove *first*, that reason alone can never be a motive to any action of the will; and *secondly*, that it can never oppose passion in the direction of the will.

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THE understanding exerts itself after two different ways, as it judges from demonstration or probability; as it regards the abstract relations of our ideas, or those relations of objects, of which experience only gives us information. I believe it scarce will be asserted, that the first species of reasoning alone is ever the cause of any action. As it's proper province is the world of ideas, and as the will always places us in that of realities, demonstration and volition seem, upon that account, to be totally remov'd, from each other. Mathematics, indeed, are useful in all mechanical operations, and arithmetic in almost every art and profession: But 'tis not of themselves they have any influence. Mechanics are the art of regulating the motions of bodies *to some design'd end or purpose*; and the reason why we employ arithmetic in fixing the proportions of numbers, is only that we may discover

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PART the proportions of their influence and operation. A merchant is desirous of knowing the sum total of his accounts with any person: Why? but that he may learn what sum will have the same *effects* in paying his debt, and going to market, as all the particular articles taken together. Abstract or demonstrative reasoning, therefore, never influences any of our actions, but only as it directs our judgment concerning causes and effects; which leads us to the second operation of the understanding.

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'Tis obvious, that when we have the prospect of pain or pleasure from any object, we feel a consequent emotion of aversion or propensity, and are carry'd to avoid or embrace what will give us this uneasiness or satisfaction. 'Tis also obvious, that this emotion rests not here, but making us cast our view on every side, comprehends whatever objects are connected with its original one by the relation of cause and effect. Here then reasoning takes place to discover this relation; and according as our reasoning varies, our actions receive a subsequent variation. But 'tis evident in this case, that the impulse arises not from reason, but is only directed by it. 'Tis from the prospect
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 emotions extend themselves to the caufes ^{Of the}
 and effects of that object, as they are pointed ^{influencing}
 out to us by reason and experience. It can ^{motives of}
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 fects, if both the caufes and effects be in-
 different to us. Where the objects them-
 felves do not affect us, their connexion can
 never give them any influence ; and 'tis
 plain, that as reason is nothing but the dif-
 covery of this connexion, it cannot be by
 its means that the objects are able to affect
 us.

SINCE reason alone can never produce
 any action, or give rife to volition, I infer,
 that the fame faculty is as incapable of
 preventing volition, or of difputing the pre-
 ference with any paffion or emotion. This
 confequence is neceffary. 'Tis impoffible
 reason cou'd have the latter effect of pre-
 venting volition, but by giving an impulf
 in a contrary direction to our paffion ; and
 that impulf, had it operated alone, wou'd
 have been able to produce volition. Nothing
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latter faculty must have an original influence on the will, and must be able to cause, as well as hinder any act of volition. But if reason has no original influence, 'tis impossible it can withstand any principle, which has such an efficacy, or ever keep the mind in suspense a moment. Thus it appears, that the principle, which opposes our passion, cannot be the same with reason, and is only call'd so in an improper sense. We speak not strictly and philosophically when we talk of the combat of passion and of reason. Reason is, and ought only to be the slave of the passions, and can never pretend to any other office than to serve and obey them. As this opinion may appear somewhat extraordinary, it may not be improper to confirm it by some other considerations.

A PASSION is an original existence, or, if you will, modification of existence, and contains not any representative quality, which renders it a copy of any other existence or modification. When I am angry, I am actually possess'd with the passion, and in that emotion have no more a reference to any other object, than when I am thirsty, or sick, or more than five foot high. 'Tis impossible, therefore, that this passion can be oppos'd by, or be contradictory to
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truth and reason; since this contradiction S E C T.
 consists in the disagreement of ideas, con- III.
 sider'd as copies, with those objects, which
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WHAT may at first occur on this head, is, that as nothing can be contrary to truth or reason, except what has a reference to it, and as the judgments of our understanding only have this reference, it must follow, that passions can be contrary to reason only so far as they are *accompany'd* with some judgment or opinion. According to this principle, which is so obvious and natural, 'tis only in two senses, that any affection can be call'd unreasonable. First, When a passion, such as hope or fear, grief or joy, despair or security, is founded on the supposition of the existence of objects, which really do not exist. Secondly, When in exerting any passion in action, we chuse means insufficient for the design'd end, and deceive ourselves in our judgment of causes and effects. Where a passion is neither founded on false suppositions, nor chuses means insufficient for the end, the understanding can neither justify nor condemn it. 'Tis not contrary to reason to prefer the destruction of the whole world to the scratching

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PART ing of my finger. 'Tis not contrary to rea-

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vent the least uneasiness of an *Indian* or
person wholly unknown to me. 'Tis as

little contrary to reason to prefer even my
own acknowledg'd lesser good to my greater,
and have a more ardent affection for the
former than the latter. A trivial good may,
from certain circumstances, produce a desire
superior to what arises from the greatest and
most valuable enjoyment; nor is there any
thing more extraordinary in this, than in
mechanics to see one pound weight raise up
a hundred by the advantage of its situation.
In short, a passion must be accompany'd with
some false judgment, in order to its being
unreasonable; and even then 'tis not the
passion, properly speaking, which is unrea-
sonable, but the judgment.

THE consequences are evident. Since a
passion can never, in any sense, be call'd
unreasonable, but when founded on a false
supposition, or when it chuses means in-
sufficient for the design'd end, 'tis impossible,
that reason and passion can ever oppose each
other, or dispute for the government of the
will and actions. The moment we perceive
the falshood of any supposition, or the in-
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 to our reason without any opposition. I may III.
 desire any fruit as of an excellent relish; Of the
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 take, my longing ceases. I may will the motives of
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 performance of certain actions as means of
 obtaining any desir'd good; but as my will-
 ing of these actions is only secondary, and
 founded on the supposition, that they are
 causes of the propos'd effect; as soon as I
 discover the falshood of that supposition,
 they must become indifferent to me.

'TIS natural for one, that does not ex-
 amine objects with a strict philosophic eye,
 to imagine, that those actions of the mind
 are entirely the same, which produce not a
 different sensation, and are not immediately
 distinguishable to the feeling and percep-
 tion. Reason, for instance, exerts itself with-
 out producing any sensible emotion; and
 except in the more sublime disquisitions of
 philosophy, or in the frivolous subtilties of
 the schools, scarce ever conveys any plea-
 sure or uneasiness. Hence it proceeds, that
 every action of the mind, which operates
 with the same calmness and tranquillity, is
 confounded with reason by all those, who
 judge of things from the first view and ap-
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PART III. pearance. Now 'tis certain, there are certain calm desires and tendencies, which, tho' they be real passions, produce little emotion in the mind, and are more known by their effects than by the immediate feeling or sensation. These desires are of two kinds; either certain instincts originally implanted in our natures, such as benevolence and resentment, the love of life, and kindness to children; or the general appetite to good, and aversion to evil, consider'd merely as such. When any of these passions are calm, and cause no disorder in the soul, they are very readily taken for the determinations of reason, and are suppos'd to proceed from the same faculty, with that, which judges of truth and falsehood. Their nature and principles have been suppos'd the same, because their sensations are not evidently different.

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BESIDE these calm passions, which often determine the will, there are certain violent emotions of the same kind, which have likewise a great influence on that faculty. When I receive any injury from another, I often feel a violent passion of resentment, which makes me desire his evil and punishment, independent of all considerations

derations of pleasure and advantage to myself, When I am immediately threaten'd with any grievous ill, my fears, apprehensions, and averfions rife to a great height, and produce a fenfible emotion.

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THE common error of metaphyficians has lain in afcribing the direction of the will entirely to one of thefe principles, and fupposing the other to have no influence. Men often act knowingly againft their intereft: For which reason the view of the greateft poffible good does not always influence them. Men often counter-act a violent paffion in profecution of their interefts and defigns: 'Tis not therefore the prefent uneafinefs alone, which determines them. In general we may obferve, that both thefe principles operate on the will; and where they are contrary, that either of them prevails, according to the *general* character or *prefent* difpofition of the perfon. What we call ftrengh of mind, implies the prevalence of the calm paffions above the violent; tho' we may eafily obferve, there is no man fo constantly poffefs'd of this virtue, as never on any occafion to yield to the follicitations of paffion and defire. From thefe variations of temper proceeds the great difficulty
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PART of deciding concerning the actions and resolutions of men, where there is any contrariety of motives and passions.

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S E C T. IV. **T**H E R E is not in philosophy a subject of more nice speculation than this of the different *causes* and *effects* of the calm and violent passions. 'Tis evident passions influence not the will in proportion to their violence, or the disorder they occasion in the temper; but on the contrary, that when a passion has once become a settled principle of action, and is the predominant inclination of the soul, it commonly produces no longer any sensible agitation. As repeated custom and its own force have made every thing yield to it, it directs the actions and conduct without that opposition and emotion, which so naturally attend every momentary gust of passion. We must, therefore, distinguish betwixt a calm and a weak passion; betwixt a violent and a strong one. But notwithstanding this,

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'tis certain, that when we wou'd govern a man, and push him to any action, 'twill commonly be better policy to work upon the violent than the calm passions, and rather take him by his inclination, than what is vulgarly call'd his *reason*. We ought to place the object in such particular situations as are proper to encrease the violence of the passion. For we may observe, that all depends upon the situation of the object, and that a variation in this particular will be able to change the calm and the violent passions into each other. Both these kinds of passions pursue good, and avoid evil; and both of them are encreas'd or diminish'd by the encrease or diminution of the good or evil. But herein lies the difference betwixt them: The same good, when near, will cause a violent passion, which, when remote, produces only a calm one. As this subject belongs very properly to the present question concerning the will, we shall here examine it to the bottom, and shall consider some of those circumstances and situations of objects, which render a passion either calm or violent.

'TIS a remarkable property of human nature, that any emotion, which attends a passion,

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PART passion, is easily converted into it, tho' in
 III. their natures they be originally different
 from, and even contrary to each other. 'Tis
 true; in order to make a perfect union a-
 mong passions, there is always requir'd
 a double relation of impressions and ideas;
 nor is one relation sufficient for that pur-
 pose. But tho' this be confirm'd by un-
 doubted experience, we must understand it
 with its proper limitations, and must regard
 the double relation, as requisite only to
 make one passion produce another. When
 two passions are already produc'd by their
 separate causes, and are both present in the
 mind, they readily mingle and unite, tho'
 they have but one relation, and sometimes
 without any. The predominant passion
 swallows up the inferior, and converts it
 into itself. The spirits, when once excited,
 easily receive a change in their direction;
 and 'tis natural to imagine this change will
 come from the prevailing affection. The
 connexion is in many respects closer betwixt
 any two passions, than betwixt any passion
 and indifference.

WHEN a person is once heartily in love,
 the little faults and caprice of his mistress,
 the jealousies and quarrels, to which that
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commerce is so subject; however unpleasant and related to anger and hatred; are yet found to give additional force to the prevailing passion. 'Tis a common artifice of politicians, when they wou'd affect any person very much by a matter of fact, of which they intend to inform him, first to excite his curiosity; delay as long as possible the satisfying it; and by that means raise his anxiety and impatience to the utmost, before they give him a full insight into the business. They know that his curiosity will precipitate him into the passion they design to raise, and assist the object in its influence on the mind. A soldier advancing to the battle, is naturally inspir'd with courage and confidence, when he thinks on his friends and fellow-soldiers; and is struck with fear and terror, when he reflects on the enemy. Whatever new emotion, therefore, proceeds from the former naturally encreases the courage; as the same emotion, proceeding from the latter, augments the fear; by the relation of ideas, and the conversion of the inferior emotion into the predominant. Hence it is that in martial discipline, the uniformity and lustre of our habit, the regularity of our figures

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PART and motions, with all the pomp and majesty of war, encourage ourselves and allies; while the same objects in the enemy strike terror into us, tho' agreeable and beautiful in themselves.

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SINCE passions, however independent, are naturally transfus'd into each other, if they are both present at the same time; it follows, that when good or evil is plac'd in such a situation, as to cause any particular emotion, beside its direct passion of desire or aversion, that latter passion must acquire new force and violence.

THIS happens, among other cases, whenever any object excites contrary passions. For 'tis observable that an opposition of passions commonly causes a new emotion in the spirits, and produces more disorder, than the concurrence of any two affections of equal force. This new emotion is easily converted into the predominant passion, and increases its violence, beyond the pitch it wou'd have arriv'd at had it met with no opposition. Hence we naturally desire what is forbid, and take a pleasure in performing actions, merely because they are unlawful. The notion of duty, when opposite to the passions, is seldom able to overcome them;

them; and when it fails of that effect, is apt rather to encrease them, by producing an opposition in our motives and principles.

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THE same effect follows whether the opposition arises from internal motives or external obstacles. The passion commonly acquires new force and violence in both cases. The efforts, which the mind makes to surmount the obstacle, excite the spirits and inviven the passion.

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UNCERTAINTY has the same influence as opposition. The agitation of the thought; the quick turns it makes from one view to another; the variety of passions, which succeed each other, according to the different views: All these produce an agitation in the mind, and transfuse themselves into the predominant passion.

THERE is not in my opinion any other natural cause, why security diminishes the passions, than because it removes that uncertainty, which encreases them. The mind, when left to itself, immediately languishes; and in order to preserve its ardour, must be every moment supported by a new flow of passion. For the same reason, despair, tho' contrary to security, has a like influence.

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PART 'TIS certain nothing more powerfully
 III. animates any affection, than to conceal some
 part of its objects by throwing it into a
 kind of shade, which at the same time that
 it shews enough to pre-possess us in favour
 of the object, leaves still some work for the
 imagination. Besides that obscurity is al-
 ways attended with a kind of uncertainty;
 the effort, which the fancy makes to com-
 plet the idea, rouzes the spirits, and gives
 an additional force to the passion.

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As despair and security, tho' contrary
 to each other, produce the same effects; so
 absence is observ'd to have contrary effects,
 and in different circumstances either encreases
 or diminishes our affections. The *Duc de
 la Rochefoucault* has very well observ'd,
 that absence destroys weak passions, but
 encreases strong; as the wind extinguishes a
 candle, but blows up a fire. Long absence
 naturally weakens our idea, and diminishes
 the passion: But where the idea is so strong
 and lively as to support itself, the uneasi-
 ness, arising from absence, encreases the pas-
 sion, and gives it new force and violence.

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BUT nothing has a greater effect both S E C T.
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to encrease and diminish our passions, to convert pleasure into pain, and pain into pleasure, than custom and repetition. Custom has two *original* effects upon the mind, in bestowing a *facility* in the performance of any action or the conception of any object; and afterwards a *tendency or inclination* towards it; and from these we may account for all its other effects, however extraordinary.

WHEN the soul applies itself to the performance of any action, or the conception of any object, to which it is not accustomed, there is a certain unpleasurableness in the faculties, and a difficulty of the spirit's moving in their new direction. As this difficulty excites the spirits, 'tis the source of wonder, surprize, and of all the emotions, which arise from novelty; and is in itself very agreeable, like every thing, which invivens the mind to a moderate degree. But



PART tho' surprize be agreeable in itself, yet as it
 III. puts the spirits in agitation, it not only aug-
 Of the *ments our agreeable affections, but also our*
 will and *painful, according to the foregoing princi-*
 direct pas- *ple, that every emotion, which precedes or*
 sions. *attends a passion, is easily converted into it.*
 Hence every thing, that is new, is most
 affecting, and gives us either more pleasure
 or pain, than what, strictly speaking, na-
 turally belongs to it. When it often re-
 turns upon us, the novelty wears off; the
 passions subside; the hurry of the spirits is
 over; and we survey the objects with great-
 er tranquillity.

BY degrees the repetition produces a fa-
 cility, which is another very powerful prin-
 ciple of the human mind, and an infallible
 source of pleasure, where the facility goes
 not beyond a certain degree. And here 'tis
 remarkable that the pleasure, which arises
 from a moderate facility, has not the same
 tendency with that which arises from novel-
 ty, to augment the painful, as well as the
 agreeable affections. The pleasure of facili-
 ty does not so much consist in any ferment
 of the spirits, as in their orderly motion;
 which will sometimes be so powerful as
 even to convert pain into pleasure, and give

us a relish in time for what at first was most harsh and disagreeable. S E C T. V.

BUT again, as facility converts pain into pleasure, so it often converts pleasure into pain, when it is too great, and renders the actions of the mind so faint and languid, that they are no longer able to interest and support it. And indeed, scarce any other objects become disagreeable thro' custom; but such as are naturally attended with some emotion or affection, which is destroy'd by the too frequent repetition. One can consider the clouds, and heavens, and trees, and stones, however frequently repeated, without ever feeling any aversion. But when the fair sex, or music, or good cheer, or any thing, that naturally ought to be agreeable, becomes indifferent, it easily produces the opposite affection.

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BUT custom not only gives a facility to perform any action, but likewise an inclination and tendency towards it, where it is not entirely disagreeable, and can never be the object of inclination. And this is the reason why custom encreases all *active* habits, but diminishes *passive*, according to the observation of a late eminent philosopher. The facility takes off from the force of the passive habits by



PART rendering the motion of the spirits faint
 III. and languid. But as in the active, the spi-
 rit^s are sufficiently supported of themselves,
 the tendency of the mind gives them new
 force, and bends them more strongly to the
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*Of the influence of the imagination
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S E C T. VI. **T**IS remarkable, that the imagination
 and affections have a close union to-
 gether, and that nothing, which affects the
 former, can be entirely indifferent to the lat-
 ter. Wherever our ideas of good or evil
 acquire a new vivacity, the passions become
 more violent; and keep pace with the ima-
 gination in all its variations. Whether this
 proceeds from the principle above-mention'd,
*that any attendant emotion is easily converted
 into the predominant, I shall not determine.*
 'Tis sufficient for my present purpose, that
 we have many instances to confirm this in-
 fluence of the imagination upon the pas-
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ANY pleasure, with which we are acquainted, affects us more than any other, which we own to be superior, but of whose nature we are wholly ignorant. Of the one we can form a particular and determinate

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idea: The other we conceive under the general notion of pleasure; and 'tis certain, that the more general and universal any of our ideas are, the less influence they have upon the imagination. A general idea, tho' it be nothing but a particular one consider'd in a certain view, is commonly more obscure; and that because no particular idea, by which we represent a general one, is ever fix'd or determinate, but may easily be chang'd for other particular ones, which will serve equally in the representation.

THERE is a noted passage in the history of *Greece*, which may serve for our present purpose. *Themistocles* told the *Athenians*, that he had form'd a design, which wou'd be highly useful to the public, but which 'twas impossible for him to communicate to them without ruining the execution, since its success depended entirely on the secrecy with which it shou'd be conducted. The *Athenians*, instead of granting him full power to act as he thought fitting, order'd him

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PART III. him to communicate his design to *Aristides*, in whose prudence they had an entire confidence, and whose opinion they were resolv'd blindly to submit to. The design of *Themistocles* was secretly to set fire to the fleet of all the *Grecian* commonwealths, which was assembled in a neighbouring port, and which being once destroy'd, wou'd give the *Athenians* the empire of the sea without any rival. *Aristides* return'd to the assembly, and told them, that nothing cou'd be more advantageous than the design of *Themistocles*; but at the same time that nothing cou'd be more unjust: Upon which the people unanimously rejected the project.

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A LATE celebrated * historian admires this passage of antient history, as one of the most singular that is any where to be met with. Here, says he, they are not philosophers, to whom 'tis easy in their schools to establish the finest maxims and most sublime rules of morality, who decide that interest ought never to prevail above justice. 'Tis a whole people interested in the proposal, which is made to them, who consider it as of importance to the public good, and who notwithstanding reject it unanimously, and without hesitation, mere-

* *Montf. Rollin.*



ly because it is contrary to justice. For my part I see nothing so extraordinary in this proceeding of the *Athenians*. The same reasons, which render it so easy for philosophers to establish these sublime maxims, tend, in part, to diminish the merit of such a conduct in that people. Philosophers never ballance betwixt profit and honesty, because their decisions are general, and neither their passions nor imaginations are interested in the objects. And tho' in the present case the advantage was immediate to the *Athenians*, yet as it was known only under the general notion of advantage, without being conceiv'd by any particular idea, it must have had a less considerable influence on their imaginations, and have been a less violent temptation, than if they had been acquainted with all its circumstances: Otherwise 'tis difficult to conceive, that a whole people, unjust and violent as men commonly are, shou'd so unanimously have adher'd to justice, and rejected any considerable advantage.

ANY satisfaction, which we lately enjoy'd, and of which the memory is fresh and recent, operates on the will with more violence, than another of which the traces
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PART are decay'd, and almost obliterated. From

III. whence does this proceed, but that the me-
 memory in the first case assists the fancy, and
 gives an additional force and vigour to its
 conceptions? The image of the past plea-
 sure being strong and violent, bestows these
 qualities on the idea of the future pleasure,
 which is connected with it by the relation
 of resemblance.

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A PLEASURE, which is suitable to the
 way of life, in which we are engag'd, ex-
 cites more our desires and appetites than
 another, which is foreign to it. This pha-
 nomenon may be explain'd from the same
 principle.

NOTHING is more capable of infusing
 any passion into the mind, than eloquence,
 by which objects are represented in their
 strongest and most lively colours. We
 may of ourselves acknowledge, that such
 an object is valuable, and such another odi-
 ous; but 'till an orator excites the imagina-
 tion, and gives force to these ideas, they
 may have but a feeble influence either on
 the will or the affections.

BUT eloquence is not always necessary.
 The bare opinion of another, especially when
 inforc'd with passion, will cause an idea of
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good or evil to have an influence upon us, which wou'd otherwise have been entirely neglected. This proceeds from the principle of sympathy or communication; and sympathy, as I have already observ'd, is nothing but the conversion of an idea into an impressiion by the force of imagination.

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'TIS remarkable, that lively passions commonly attend a lively imagination. In this respect, as well as others, the force of the passion depends as much on the temper of the person, as the nature or situation of the object.

I HAVE already observ'd, that belief is nothing but a lively idea related to a present impressiion. This vivacity is a requisite circumstance to the exciting all our passions, the calm as well as the violent; nor has a mere fiction of the imagination any considerable influence upon either of them. 'Tis too weak to take any hold of the mind, or be attended with emotion.

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TH E R E is an easy reason, why e-
very thing contiguous to us, either
in space or time, shou'd be conceiv'd with
a peculiar force and vivacity, and excel e-
very other object, in its influence on the
imagination. Ourself is intimately present
to us, and whatever is related to self must
partake of that quality. But where an ob-
ject is so far remov'd as to have lost the ad-
vantage of this relation, why, as it is far-
ther remov'd, its idea becomes still fainter
and more obscure, wou'd, perhaps, require
a more particular examination.

'T I S obvious, that the imagination can
never totally forget the points of space and
time, in which we are existent; but receives
such frequent advertisements of them from
the passions and senses, that however it may
turn its attention to foreign and remote ob-
jects, it is necessitated every moment to re-
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fect on the present. 'Tis also remarkable, SECT. VII.
 that in the conception of those objects, which we regard as real and existent, we take them in their proper order and situation, and never leap from one object to another, which is distant from it, without running over, at least in a cursory manner, all those objects, which are interpos'd betwixt them. When we reflect, therefore, on any object distant from ourselves, we are oblig'd not only to reach it at first by passing thro' all the intermediate space betwixt ourselves and the object, but also to renew our progress every moment; being every moment recall'd to the consideration of ourselves and our present situation. 'Tis easily conceiv'd, that this interruption must weaken the idea by breaking the action of the mind, and hindering the conception from being so intense and continu'd, as when we reflect on a nearer object. The *fewer* steps we make to arrive at the object, and the *smoother* the road is, this diminution of vivacity is less considerably felt, but still may be observ'd more or less in proportion to the degrees of distance and difficulty.

HERE then we are to consider two kinds of objects, the contiguous and remote; of which

PART which the former, by means of their relation to ourselves, approach an impression in force and vivacity; the latter by reason of the interruption in our manner of conceiving them, appear in a weaker and more imperfect light. This is their effect on the imagination. If my reasoning be just, they must have a proportionable effect on the will and passions. Contiguous objects must have an influence much superior to the distant and remote. Accordingly we find in common life, that men are principally concern'd about those objects, which are not much remov'd either in space or time, enjoying the present, and leaving what is afar off to the care of chance and fortune. Talk to a man of his condition thirty years hence, and he will not regard you. Speak of what is to happen to-morrow, and he will lend you attention. The breaking of a mirror gives us more concern when at home, than the burning of a house, when abroad, and some hundred leagues distant.

BUT farther; tho' distance both in space and time has a considerable effect on the imagination, and by that means on the will and passions, yet the consequence of a removal

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removal in *space* are much inferior to those of a removal in *time*. Twenty years are certainly but a small distance of time in comparison of what history and even the memory of some may inform them of, and yet I doubt if a thousand leagues, or even the greatest distance of place this globe can admit of, will so remarkably weaken our ideas, and diminish our passions. A *West-India* merchant will tell you, that he is not without concern about what passes in *Jamaica*; tho' few extend their views so far into futurity, as to dread very remote accidents.

THE cause of this phænomenon must evidently lie in the different properties of space and time. Without having recourse to metaphysics, any one may easily observe, that space or extension consists of a number of co-existent parts dispos'd in a certain order, and capable of being at once present to the sight or feeling. On the contrary, time or succession, tho' it consists likewise of parts, never presents to us more than one at once; nor is it possible for any two of them ever to be co-existent. These qualities of the objects have a suitable effect on the imagination. The parts of extension

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appearancē of one part excludes not another, the transition or passage of the thought thro' the contiguous parts is by that means render'd more smooth and easy. On the other hand, the incompatibility of the parts of time in their real existence separates them in the imagination, and makes it more *difficult* for that faculty to trace any long succession or series of events. Every part must appear single and alone, nor can regularly have entrance into the fancy without banishing what is suppos'd to have been immediately precedent. By this means any distance in time causes a greater interruption in the thought than an equal distance in space, and consequently weakens more considerably the idea, and consequently the passions; which depend in a great measure, on the imagination, according to my system.

THERE is another phænomenon of a like nature with the foregoing, viz. *the superior effects of the same distance in futurity above that in the past.* This difference with respect to the will is easily accounted for. As none of our actions can alter the past, 'tis not strange it shou'd never determine the

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the will. But with respect to the passions the question is yet entire, and well worth the examining.

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BESIDES the propensity to a gradual progression thro' the points of space and time, we have another peculiarity in our method of thinking, which concurs in producing this phænomenon. We always follow the succession of time in placing our ideas, and from the consideration of any object pass more easily to that, which follows immediately after it, than to that which went before it. We may learn this, among other instances, from the order, which is always observ'd in historical narrations. Nothing but an absolute necessity can oblige an historian to break the order of time, and in his *narration* give the precedence to an event, which was in *reality* posterior to another.

THIS will easily be apply'd to the question in hand, if we reflect on what I have before observ'd, that the present situation of the person is always that of the imagination, and that 'tis from thence we proceed to the conception of any distant object. When the object is past, the progression of the thought in passing to it from the pre-

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sent is contrary to nature, as proceeding from one point of time to that which is preceding, and from that to another preceding, in opposition to the natural course of the succession. On the other hand, when we turn our thought to a future object, our fancy flows along the stream of time, and arrives at the object by an order, which seems most natural, passing always from one point of time to that which is immediately posterior to it. This *easy* progression of ideas favours the imagination, and makes it conceive its object in a stronger and fuller light, than when we are continually oppos'd in our passage, and are oblig'd to overcome the difficulties arising from the natural propensity of the fancy. A small degree of distance in the past has, therefore, a greater effect, in interrupting and weakening the conception, than a much greater in the future. From this effect of it on the imagination is deriv'd its influence on the will and passions.

THERE is another cause, which both contributes to the same effect, and proceeds from the same quality of the fancy, by which we are determin'd to trace the succession of time by a similar succession of ideas. When from the present instant we

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consider two points of time equally distant in the future and in the past, 'tis evident, that, abstractedly consider'd, their relation to the present is almost equal. For as the future will *sometime* be present, so the past was *once* present. If we cou'd, therefore, remove this quality of the imagination, an equal distance in the past and in the future, wou'd have a similar influence. Nor is this only true, when the fancy remains fix'd, and from the present instant surveys the future and the past; but also when it changes its situation, and places us in different periods of time. For as on the one hand, in supposing ourselves existent in a point of time interpos'd betwixt the present instant and the future object, we find the future object approach to us, and the past retire, and become more distant: So on the other hand, in supposing ourselves existent in a point of time interpos'd betwixt the present and the past, the past approaches to us, and the future becomes more distant. But from the property of the fancy above-mention'd we rather chuse to fix our thought on the point of time interpos'd betwixt the present and

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PART the future, than on that betwixt the present and the past. We advance, rather than retard our existence; and following what seems the natural succession of time, proceed from past to present, and from present to future. By which means we conceive the future as flowing every moment nearer us, and the past as retiring. An equal distance, therefore, in the past and in the future, has not the same effect on the imagination; and that because we consider the one as continually encreasing, and the other as continually diminishing. The fancy anticipates the course of things, and surveys the object in that condition, to which it tends, as well as in that, which is regarded as the present.

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THUS we have accounted for three S E C T. VIII. 
 phænomena, which seem pretty remarkable. Why distance weakens the conception and passion: Why distance in time has a greater effect than that in space: And why distance in past time has still a greater effect than that in future. We must now consider three phænomena, which seem to be, in a manner, the reverse of these: Why a very great distance encreases our esteem and admiration for an object: Why such a distance in time encreases it more than that in space: And a distance in past time more than that in future. The curiosity of the subject will, I hope, excuse my dwelling on it for some time.

To begin with the first phænomenon, why a great distance encreases our esteem and admiration for an object; 'tis evident that the mere view and contemplation of any greatness, whether successive or extended, enlarges the soul, and give it a sensible delight and pleasure. A wide plain, the

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PART ocean, eternity, a succession of several ages ;
 III. all these are entertaining objects, and excel
Of the every thing, however beautiful, which ac-
will and companies not its beauty with a suitable
direct pas- greatness. Now when any very distant ob-
sions. ject is presented to the imagination, we na-
 turally reflect on the interpos'd distance, and
 by that means, conceiving something great
 and magnificent, receive the usual satisfac-
 tion. But as the fancy passes easily from
 one idea to another related to it, and trans-
 ports to the second all the passions excited
 by the first, the admiration, which is di-
 rected to the distance, naturally diffuses it-
 self over the distant object. Accordingly
 we find, that 'tis not necessary the object
 shou'd be actually distant from us, in order
 to cause our admiration ; but that 'tis suf-
 ficient, if, by the natural association of ideas,
 it conveys our view to any considerable di-
 stance. A great traveller, tho' in the same
 chamber, will pass for a very extraordinary
 person ; as a *Greek* medal, even in our ca-
 binet, is always esteem'd a valuable curio-
 sity. Here the object, by a natural transi-
 tion, conveys our view to the distance ; and
 the admiration, which arises from that di-
 stance, by another natural transition, re-
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BUT tho' every great distance produces an admiration for the distant object, a distance in time has a more considerable effect than that in space. Antient busts and inscriptions are more valu'd than *Japan* tables: And not to mention the *Greeks* and *Romans*, 'tis certain we regard with more veneration the old *Chaldeans* and *Egyptians*, than the modern *Chinese* and *Persians*, and bestow more fruitless pains to clear up the history and chronology of the former, than it wou'd cost us to make a voyage, and be certainly inform'd of the character, learning and government of the latter. I shall be oblig'd to make a digression in order to explain this phænomenon.

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'TIS a quality very observable in human nature, that any opposition, which does not entirely discourage and intimidate us, has rather a contrary effect, and inspires us with a more than ordinary grandeur and magnanimity. In collecting our force to overcome the opposition, we invigorate the soul, and give it an elevation with which otherwise it wou'd never have been acquainted. Compliance, by rendering our strength useless, makes us insensible of it; but opposition awakens and employs it.

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THIS is also true in the inverse. Opposition not only enlarges the soul; but the soul, when full of courage and magnanimity, in a manner seeks opposition,

*Spumantemque dari pecora inter inertia
votis*

*Optat aprum, aut fulvum descendere monte
leonem.*

WHATEVER supports and fills the passions is agreeable to us; as on the contrary, what weakens and infeebls them is uneasy. As opposition has the first effect, and facility the second, no wonder the mind, in certain dispositions, desires the former, and is averse to the latter.

THESE principles have an effect on the imagination as well as on the passions. To be convinc'd of this we need only consider the influence of *heights* and *depths* on that faculty. Any great elevation of place communicates a kind of pride or sublimity of imagination, and gives a fancy'd superiority over those that lie below; and, *vice versa*, a sublime and strong imagination conveys the idea of ascent and elevation. Hence it proceeds, that we associate, in a manner, the

the idea of whatever is good with that of SECT. height, and evil with lowness. Heaven is VIII. suppos'd to be above, and hell below. A noble genius is call'd an elevate and sublime one. *Atque udam spernit humum fugiente penna.* On the contrary, a vulgar and trivial conception is stil'd indifferently low or mean. Prosperity is denominated ascent, and adversity descent. Kings and princes are suppos'd to be plac'd at the top of human affairs; as peafants and day-labourers are said to be in the lowest stations. These methods of thinking, and of expressing ourselves, are not of so little consequence as they may appear at first sight.

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'TIS evident to common sense, as well as philosophy, that there is no natural nor essential difference betwixt high and low, and that this distinction arises only from the gravitation of matter, which produces a motion from the one to the other. The very same direction, which in this part of the globe is call'd *ascent*, is denominated *descent* in our antipodes; which can proceed from nothing but the contrary tendency of bodies. Now 'tis certain, that the tendency of bodies, continually operating upon our senses, must produce, from custom, a like tendency

PART tendency in the fancy, and that when we
 III. consider any object situated in an ascent,
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 the idea of its weight gives us a propensity
 to transport it from the place, in which it
 is situated, to the place immediately below
 it, and so on, 'till we come to the ground,
 which equally stops the body and our ima-
 gination. For a like reason we feel a diffi-
 culty in mounting, and pass not without a
 kind of reluctance from the inferior to that
 which is situated above it; as if our ideas
 acquir'd a kind of gravity from their objects.
 As a proof of this, do we not find, that
 the facility, which is so much study'd in
 music and poetry, is call'd the fall or ca-
 dency of the harmony or period; the idea
 of facility communicating to us that of de-
 scent, in the same manner as descent pro-
 duces a facility?

SINCE the imagination, therefore, in
 running from low to high, finds an oppo-
 sition in its internal qualities and principles,
 and since the soul, when elevated with joy
 and courage, in a manner seeks opposition,
 and throws itself with alacrity into any
 scene of thought or action, where its cou-
 rage meets with matter to nourish and em-
 ploy it; it follows, that every thing, which
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invigorates and inlivens the soul, whether by touching the passions or imagination, naturally conveys to the fancy this inclination for ascent, and determines it to run against the natural stream of its thoughts and conceptions. This aspiring progress of the imagination suits the present disposition of the mind; and the difficulty, instead of extinguishing its vigour and alacrity, has the contrary effect, of sustaining and encreasing it. Virtue, genius, power, and riches are for this reason associated with height and sublimity; as poverty, slavery, and folly are conjoin'd with descent and lowness. Were the case the same with us as *Milton* represents it to be with the angels, to whom *descent is adverse*, and who *cannot sink without labour and compulsion*, this order of things wou'd be entirely inverted; as appears hence, that the very nature of ascent and descent is deriv'd from the difficulty and propensity, and consequently every one of their effects proceeds from that origin.

ALL this is easily apply'd to the present question, why a considerable distance in time produces a greater veneration for the distant objects than a like removal in space. The imagination moves with more difficulty

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PART ty in passing from one portion of time to another, than in a transition thro' the parts of space; and that because space or extension appears united to our senses, while time or succession is always broken and divided.

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This difficulty, when join'd with a small distance, interrupts and weakens the fancy: But has a contrary effect in a great removal. The mind, elevated by the vastness of its object, is still farther elevated by the difficulty of the conception; and being oblig'd every moment to renew its efforts in the transition from one part of time to another, feels a more vigorous and sublime disposition, than in a transition thro' the parts of space, where the ideas flow along with easiness and facility. In this disposition, the imagination, passing, as is usual, from the consideration of the distance to the view of the distant objects, gives us a proportionable veneration for it; and this is the reason why all the reliques of antiquity are so precious in our eyes, and appear more valuable than what is brought even from the remotest parts of the world.

THE third phenomenon I have remark'd will be a full confirmation of this. 'Tis not every removal in time, which has the effect

effect of producing veneration and esteem. SECT. VIII.
 We are not apt to imagine our posterity will excel us, or equal our ancestors. This phenomenon is the more remarkable, because any distance in futurity weakens not our ideas so much as an equal removal in the past. Tho' a removal in the past, when very great, encreases our passions beyond a like removal in the future, yet a small removal has a greater influence in diminishing them.

The same subject continued.

IN our common way of thinking we are plac'd in a kind of middle station betwixt the past and future; and as our imagination finds a kind of difficulty in running along the former, and a facility in following the course of the latter, the difficulty conveys the notion of ascent, and the facility of the contrary. Hence we imagine our ancestors to be, in a manner, mounted above us, and our posterity to lie below us. Our fancy arrives not at the one without effort, but easily reaches the other: Which effort weakens the conception, where the distance is small; but enlarges and elevates the imagination, when attended with a suitable object. As on the other hand, the facility assists the fancy in a small removal,
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 III. templates any considerable distance.

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IT may not be improper, before we leave this subject of the will, to resume, in a few words, all that has been said concerning it, in order to set the whole more distinctly before the eyes of the reader. What we commonly understand by *passion* is a violent and sensible emotion of mind, when any good or evil is presented, or any object, which, by the original formation of our faculties, is fitted to excite an appetite. By *reason* we mean affections of the very same kind with the former; but such as operate more calmly, and cause no disorder in the temper: Which tranquillity leads us into a mistake concerning them, and causes us to regard them as conclusions only of our intellectual faculties. Both the *causes* and *effects* of these violent and calm passions are pretty variable, and depend, in a great measure, on the peculiar temper and disposition of every individual. Generally speaking, the violent passions have a more powerful influence on the will; tho' 'tis often found, that the calm ones, when corroborated by reflection, and seconded by resolution, are able to controul them in their most fu-
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rious movements. What makes this whole SECT.
 affair more uncertain, is, that a calm pas- VIII.
 sion may easily be chang'd into a violent The same
 one, either by a change of temper, or of subject con-
 the circumstances and situation of the ob- tinu'd.
 ject, as by the borrowing of force from any
 attendant passion, by custom, or by excit-
 ing the imagination. Upon the whole, this
 struggle of passion and of reason, as it is
 call'd, diversifies human life, and makes men
 so different not only from each other, but
 also from themselves in different times. Phi-
 losophy can only account for a few of the
 greater and more sensible events of this
 war; but must leave all the smaller and
 more delicate revolutions, as dependent on
 principles too fine and minute for her com-
 prehension.



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S E C T. IX. **T**IS easy to observe, that the passions, both direct and indirect, are founded on pain and pleasure, and that in order to produce an affection of any kind, 'tis only requisite to present some good or evil. Upon the removal of pain and pleasure there immediately follows a removal of love and hatred, pride and humility, desire and aversion, and of most of our reflective or secondary impressions.

THE impressions, which arise from good and evil most naturally, and with the least preparation are the *direct* passions of desire and aversion, grief and joy, hope and fear, along with volition. The mind by an *original* instinct tends to unite itself with the good, and to avoid the evil, tho' they be conceiv'd merely in idea, and be consider'd as to exist in any future period of time.

BUT supposing that there is an immediate impression of pain or pleasure, and *that* arising from an object related to ourselves or others,
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this does not prevent the propensity or aver-
 sion, with the consequent emotions, but by
 concurring with certain dormant principles
 of the human mind, excites the new im-
 pressions of pride or humility, love or ha-
 tred. That propensity, which unites us to
 the object, or separates us from it, still con-
 tinues to operate, but in conjunction with
 the *indirect* passions, which arise from a
 double relation of impressions and ideas.

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THESE indirect passions, being always
 agreeable or uneasy, give in their turn ad-
 ditional force to the direct passions, and en-
 crease our desire and aversion to the object.
 Thus a suit of fine cloaths produces plea-
 sure from their beauty; and this pleasure
 produces the direct passions, or the impres-
 sions of volition and desire. Again, when
 these cloaths are consider'd as belonging to
 ourself, the double relation conveys to us
 the sentiment of pride, which is an indirect
 passion; and the pleasure, which attends
 that passion, returns back to the direct af-
 fections, and gives new force to our desire
 or volition, joy or hope.

WHEN good is certain or probable, it
 produces JOY. When evil is in the same
 situation there arises GRIEF OR SORROW.

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PART WHEN either good or evil is uncertain,
 III. it gives rise to FEAR or HOPE, according
 to the degrees of uncertainty on the one side
 or the other.

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DESIRE arises from good consider'd simply, and AVERSION is deriv'd from evil. The WILL exerts itself, when either the good or the absence of the evil may be attain'd by any action of the mind or body.

BESIDE good and evil, or in other words, pain and pleasure, the direct passions frequently arise from a natural impulse or instinct, which is perfectly unaccountable. Of this kind is the desire of punishment to our enemies, and of happiness to our friends; hunger, lust, and a few other bodily appetites. These passions, properly speaking, produce good and evil, and proceed not from them, like the other affections.

NONE of the direct affections seem to merit our particular attention, except hope and fear, which we shall here endeavour to account for. 'Tis evident that the very same event, which by its certainty would produce grief or joy, gives always rise to fear or hope, when only probable and uncertain. In order, therefore, to understand
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the reason why this circumstance makes such a considerable difference, we must reflect on what I have already advanc'd in the preceding book concerning the nature of probability.

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PROBABILITY arises from an opposition of contrary chances or causes, by which the mind is not allow'd to fix on either side, but is incessantly tost from one to another, and at one moment is determin'd to consider an object as existent, and at another moment as the contrary. The imagination or understanding, call it which you please, fluctuates betwixt the opposite views; and tho' perhaps it may be oftner turn'd to the one side than the other, 'tis impossible for it, by reason of the opposition of causes or chances, to rest on either. The *pro* and *con* of the question alternately prevail; and the mind, surveying the object in its opposite principles, finds such a contrariety as utterly destroys all certainty and establish'd opinion.

SUPPOSE, then, that the object, concerning whose reality we are doubtful, is an object either of desire or aversion, 'tis evident, that, according as the mind turns itself either to the one side or the other, it

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must



PART must feel a momentary impressi^on of joy or
 III. sorrow. An object, whose existence we de-
 fire, gives satisfaction, when we reflect on
 those causes, which produce it; and for the
 same reason excites grief or uneasiness from
 the opposite consideration: So that as the
 understanding, in all probable questions, is di-
 vided betwixt the contrary points of view,
 the affections must in the same manner be
 divided betwixt opposite emotions.

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Now if we consider the human mind,
 we shall find, that with regard to the pas-
 sions, 'tis not of the nature of a wind-
 instrument of music, which in running o-
 ver all the notes immediately loses the sound
 after the breath ceases; but rather resembles
 a string-instrument, where after each stroke
 the vibrations still retain some sound, which
 gradually and insensibly decays. The ima-
 gination is extreme quick and agile; but the
 passions are slow and restive: For which
 reason, when any object is presented, that
 affords a variety of views to the one, and
 emotions to the other; tho' the fancy may
 change its views with great celerity; each
 stroke will not produce a clear and distinct
 note of passion, but the one passion will
 always be mixt and confounded with the
 other.

other. According as the probability inclines SECT.
 to good or evil, the passion of joy or sorrow IX.
 predominates in the composition: Because Of the
 the nature of probability is to cast a supe- direct pas-
 rior number of views or chances on one sions.
 side; or, which is the same thing, a superior
 number of returns of one passion; or since
 the dispers'd passions are collected into one,
 a superior degree of that passion. That is,
 in other words, the grief and joy being in-
 termingled with each other, by means of
 the contrary views of the imagination, pro-
 duce by their union the passions of hope
 and fear.

UPON this head there may be started a
 very curious question concerning that con-
 trariety of passions, which is our present
 subject. 'Tis observable, that where the ob-
 jects of contrary passions are presented at
 once, beside the encrease of the predomi-
 nant passion (which has been already ex-
 plain'd, and commonly arises at their first
 shock or rencounter) it sometimes happens,
 that both the passions exist successively,
 and by short intervals; sometimes, that they
 destroy each other, and neither of them
 takes place; and sometimes that both of
 them remain united in the mind. It may,

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therefore,



PART therefore, be ask'd, by what theory we can
 III. explain these variations, and to what general
 principle we can reduce them.

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WHEN the contrary passions arise from objects entirely different, they take place alternately, the want of relation in the ideas separating the impressions from each other, and preventing their opposition. Thus when a man is afflicted for the loss of a law-suit, and joyful for the birth of a son, the mind running from the agreeable to the calamitous object, with whatever celerity it may perform this motion, can scarcely temper the one affection with the other, and remain betwixt them in a state of indifference.

IT more easily attains that calm situation, when the same event is of a mixt nature, and contains something adverse and something prosperous in its different circumstances. For in that case, both the passions, mingling with each other by means of the relation, become mutually destructive, and leave the mind in perfect tranquility.

BUT suppose, in the third place, that the object is not a compound of good or evil, but is consider'd as probable or improbable in any degree; in that case I assert,
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that the contrary passions will both of them SECT.
be present at once in the soul, and instead IX.
of destroying and tempering each other, will subsist together, and produce a third impression or affection by their union. Of the direct passions.

Contrary passions are not capable of destroying each other, except when their contrary movements exactly rencounter, and are opposite in their direction, as well as in the sensation they produce. This exact rencounter depends upon the relations of those ideas, from which they are deriv'd, and is more or less perfect, according to the degrees of the relation. In the case of probability the contrary chances are so far related, that they determine concerning the existence or non-existence of the same object. But this relation is far from being perfect; since some of the chances lie on the side of existence, and others on that of non-existence; which are objects altogether incompatible. 'Tis impossible by one steady view to survey the opposite chances, and the events dependent on them; but 'tis necessary, that the imagination shou'd run alternately from the one to the other. Each view of the imagination produces its peculiar passion, which decays away by degrees, and is follow'd



PART follow'd by a sensible vibration after the
 III. stroke. The incompatibility of the views
 keeps the passions from shocking in a di-
 rect line, if that expression may be allow'd ;
 and yet their relation is sufficient to mingle
 their fainter emotions. 'Tis after this man-
 ner that hope and fear arise from the diffe-
 rent mixture of these opposite passions of
 grief and joy, and from their imperfect u-
 nion and conjunction.

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UPON the whole, contrary passions suc-
 ceed each other alternately, when they a-
 rise from different objects: They mutually
 destroy each other, when they proceed from
 different parts of the same: And they sub-
 sist both of them, and mingle together, when
 they are deriv'd from the contrary and in-
 compatible chances or possibilities, on which
 any one object depends. The influence of
 the relations of ideas is plainly seen in this
 whole affair. If the objects of the contrary
 passions be totally different, the passions are
 like two opposite liquors in different bottles,
 which have no influence on each other. If
 the objects be intimately connected, the pas-
 sions are like an *alkali* and an *acid*, which,
 being mingled, destroy each other. If the
 relation be more imperfect, and consists in
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the contradictory views of the same object, SECT.
the passions are like oil and vinegar, which, IX.
however mingled, never perfectly unite and
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As the hypothesis concerning hope and fear carries its own evidence along with it, we shall be the more concise in our proofs. A few strong arguments are better than many weak ones.

THE passions of fear and hope may arise when the chances are equal on both sides, and no superiority can be discover'd in the one above the other. Nay, in this situation the passions are rather the strongest, as the mind has then the least foundation to rest upon, and is toss'd with the greatest uncertainty. Throw in a superior degree of probability to the side of grief, you immediately see that passion diffuse itself over the composition, and tincture it into fear. Encrease the probability, and by that means the grief, the fear prevails still more and more, till at last it runs insensibly, as the joy continually diminishes, into pure grief. After you have brought it to this situation, diminish the grief, after the same manner that you encreas'd it; by diminishing the probability on that side, and you'll

PART you'll see the passion clear every moment,

III. 'till it changes insensibly into hope; which
 again runs, after the same manner, by slow
 degrees, into joy, as you encrease that part
 of the composition by the encrease of the
 probability. Are not these as plain proofs,

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that the passions of fear and hope are mix-
 tures of grief and joy, as in optics 'tis a
 proof, that a colour'd ray of the sun pas-
 sing thro' a prism, is a composition of two
 others, when, as you diminish or encrease
 the quantity of either, you find it prevail
 proportionably more or less in the composi-
 tion? I am sure neither natural nor moral
 philosophy admits of stronger proofs.

PROBABILITY is of two kinds, either
 when the object is really in itself uncertain,
 and to be determin'd by chance; or when,
 tho' the object be already certain, yet 'tis
 uncertain to our judgment, which finds a
 number of proofs on each side of the ques-
 tion. Both these kinds of probabilities cause
 fear and hope; which can only proceed
 from that property, in which they agree,
viz. the uncertainty and fluctuation they
 bestow on the imagination by that contra-
 riety of views, which is common to both.

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'TIS a probable good or evil, that commonly produces hope or fear; because probability, being a wavering and unconstant method of surveying an object, causes naturally a like mixture and uncertainty of passion. But we may observe, that wherever from other causes this mixture can be produc'd, the passions of fear and hope will arise, even tho' there be no probability; which must be allow'd to be a convincing proof of the present hypothesis.

WE find that an evil, barely conceiv'd as *possible*, does sometimes produce fear; especially if the evil be very great. A man cannot think of excessive pains and tortures without trembling, if he be in the least danger of suffering them. The smallness of the probability is compensated by the greatness of the evil; and the sensation is equally lively, as if the evil were more probable. One view or glimpse of the former, has the same effect as several of the latter.

BUT they are not only possible evils, that cause fear, but even some allow'd to be *impossible*; as when we tremble on the brink of a precipice, tho' we know ourselves to be in perfect security, and have it in our choice whether we will advance a step farther.

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PART ther. This proceeds from the immediate
 III. presence of the evil, which influences the
 imagination in the same manner as the cer-
 tainty of it wou'd do; but being encoun-
 ter'd by the reflection on our security, is
 immediately retracted, and causes the same
 kind of passion, as when from a contrariety
 of chances contrary passions are produc'd.

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EVILS, that are *certain*, have sometimes
 the same effect in producing fear, as the pos-
 sible or impossible. Thus a man in a strong
 prison well-guarded, without the least means
 of escape, trembles at the thought of the
 rack, to which he is sentenc'd. This hap-
 pens only when the certain evil is terrible
 and confounding; in which case the mind
 continually rejects it with horror, while it
 continually presses in upon the thought.
 The evil is there fix'd and establish'd, but
 the mind cannot endure to fix upon it; from
 which fluctuation and uncertainty there ar-
 rises a passion of much the same appearance
 with fear.

BUT 'tis not only where good or evil is
 uncertain, as to its *existence*, but also as to its
kind, that fear or hope arises. Let one be
 told by a person, whose veracity he cannot
 doubt of, that one of his sons is suddenly
 kill'd,

kill'd, 'tis evident the passion this event
 wou'd occasion, wou'd not settle into pure
 grief, till he got certain information, which
 of his sons he had lost. Here there is an
 evil certain, but the kind of it uncertain:
 Consequently the fear we feel on this occa-
 sion is without the least mixture of joy,
 and arises merely from the fluctuation of
 the fancy betwixt its objects. And tho' each
 side of the question produces here the same
 passion, yet that passion cannot settle, but
 receives from the imagination a tremulous
 and unsteady motion, resembling in its
 cause, as well as in its sensation, the mix-
 ture and contention of grief and joy.

FROM these principles we may account
 for a phænomenon in the passions, which
 at first sight seems very extraordinary, *viz.*
 that surprize is apt to change into fear, and
 every thing that is unexpected affrights us.
 The most obvious conclusion from this is,
 that human nature is in general pusilani-
 mous; since upon the sudden appearance of
 any object we immediately conclude it to
 be an evil, and without waiting till we can
 examine its nature, whether it be good or
 bad, are at first affected with fear. This I
 say is the most obvious conclusion; but up-

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PART on farther examination we shall find that
 III. the phænomenon is otherwise to be accounted for. The suddenness and strangeness of an appearance naturally excite a commotion in the mind, like every thing for which we are not prepar'd, and to which we are not accusom'd. This commotion, again, naturally produces a curiosity or inquisitiveness, which being very violent, from the strong and sudden impulse of the object, becomes uneasy, and resembles in its fluctuation and uncertainty, the sensation of fear or the mix'd passions of grief and joy. This image of fear naturally converts into the thing itself, and gives us a real apprehension of evil, as the mind always forms its judgments more from its present disposition than from the nature of its objects.

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THUS all kinds of uncertainty have a strong connexion with fear, even tho' they do not cause any opposition of passions by the opposite views and considerations they present to us. A person, who has left his friend in any malady, will feel more anxiety upon his account, than if he were present, tho' perhaps he is not only incapable of giving him assistance, but likewise of judging of the event of his sickness. In
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this case, tho' the principal object of the SECT passion, *viz.* the life or death of his friend, IX. be to him equally uncertain when present Of the direct pas- as when absent; yet there are a thousand sions. little circumstances of his friend's situation and condition, the knowledge of which fixes the idea, and prevents that fluctuation and uncertainty so near ally'd to fear. Uncertainty is, indeed, in one respect as near ally'd to hope as to fear, since it makes an essential part in the composition of the former passion; but the reason, why it inclines not to that side, is, that uncertainty alone is uneasy, and has a relation of impressions to the uneasy passions.

'TIS thus our uncertainty concerning any minute circumstance relating to a person encreases our apprehensions of his death or misfortune. *Horace* has remark'd this phenomenon.

*Ut assidens implumibus pullus avis
Serpentium allapsus timet,
Magis relictis; non, ut adsit, auxili
Latura plus presentibus.*

BUT this principle of the connexion of fear with uncertainty I carry farther, and

PART observe that any doubt produces that passion, even tho' it presents nothing to us on any side but what is good and desirable. A

III. *Of the will and direct passions.* A virgin, on her bridal-night goes to bed full of fears and apprehensions, tho' she expects nothing but pleasure of the highest kind, and what she has long wish'd for. The newness and greatness of the event, the confusion of wishes and joys, so embarrass the mind, that it knows not on what passion to fix itself; from whence arises a fluttering or unsettledness of the spirits, which being, in some degree, uneasy, very naturally degenerates into fear.

THUS we still find, that whatever causes any fluctuation or mixture of passions, with any degree of uneasiness, always produces fear, or at least a passion so like it, that they are scarcely to be distinguish'd.

I HAVE here confin'd myself to the examination of hope and fear in their most simple and natural situation, without considering all the variations they may receive from the mixture of different views and reflections. *Terror, consternation, astonishment, anxiety,* and other passions of that kind, are nothing but different species and degrees

degrees of fear. 'Tis easy to imagine how a different situation of the object, or a different turn of thought, may change even the sensation of a passion; and this may in general account for all the particular subdivisions of the other affections, as well as of fear. Love may shew itself in the shape of *tenderness, friendship, intimacy, esteem, good-will*, and in many other appearances; which at the bottom are the same affections, and arise from the same causes, tho' with a small variation, which it is not necessary to give any particular account of. 'Tis for this reason I have all along confin'd myself to the principal passion.

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THE same care of avoiding prolixity is the reason why I wave the examination of the will and direct passions, as they appear in animals; since nothing is more evident, than that they are of the same nature, and excited by the same causes as in human creatures. I leave this to the reader's own observation; desiring him at the same time to consider the additional force this bestows on the present system.

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BUT methinks we have been not a little inattentive to run over so many different parts of the human mind, and examine so many passions, without taking once into the consideration that love of truth, which was the first source of all our enquiries. 'Twill therefore be proper, before we leave this subject, to bestow a few reflections on that passion, and shew its origin in human nature. 'Tis an affection of so peculiar a kind, that 'twoud have been impossible to have treated of it under any of those heads, which we have examin'd, without danger of obscurity and confusion.

TRUTH is of two kinds, consisting either in the discovery of the proportions of ideas, consider'd as such, or in the conformity of our ideas of objects to their real existence. 'Tis certain, that the former species of truth, is not desir'd merely as truth, and that 'tis not the
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justness of our conclusions, which alone gives the pleasure. For these conclusions are equally just, when we discover the equality of two bodies by a pair of compasses, as when we learn it by a mathematical demonstration; and tho' in the one case the proofs be demonstrative, and in the other only sensible, yet generally speaking, the mind acquiesces with equal assurance in the one as in the other. And in an arithmetical operation, where both the truth and the assurance are of the same nature, as in the most profound algebraical problem, the pleasure is very inconsiderable, if rather it does not degenerate into pain: Which is an evident proof, that the satisfaction, which we sometimes receive from the discovery of truth, proceeds not from it, merely as such, but only as endow'd with certain qualities.

THE first and most considerable circumstance requisite to render truth agreeable, is the genius and capacity, which is employ'd in its invention and discovery. What is easy and obvious is never valu'd; and even what is *in itself* difficult, if we come to the knowledge of it without diffi-

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III. or judgment, is but little regarded. We
Of the love to trace the demonstrations of mathe-
will and maticians; but shou'd receive small enter-
direct pas- tainment from a person, who shou'd bare-
sions, ly inform us of the proportions of lines and
 angles, tho' we repos'd the utmost confi-
 dence both in his judgment and veracity. In
 this case 'tis sufficient to have ears to learn
 the truth. We never are oblig'd to fix our
 attention or exert our genius; which of all
 other exercises of the mind is the most plea-
 sant and agreeable.

BUT tho' the exercise of genius be the
 principal source of that satisfaction we re-
 ceive from the sciences, yet I doubt, if it
 be alone sufficient to give us any confi-
 derable enjoyment. The truth we discover
 must also be of some importance. 'Tis
 easy to multiply algebraical problems to in-
 finity, nor is there any end in the disco-
 very of the proportions of conic sections;
 tho' few mathematicians take any pleasure
 in these researches, but turn their thoughts
 to what is more useful and important.
 Now the question is, after what manner
 this utility and importance operate upon
 us?

us? The difficulty on this head arises from S E C T.
 hence, that many philosophers have con- X.
 sum'd their time, have destroy'd their *Of curio-*
 health, and neglected their fortune, in the *sity, or the*
 search of such truths, as they esteem'd im- *love of*
 portant and useful to the world, tho' it *truth.*
 appear'd from their whole conduct and beha-
 viour, that they were not endow'd with
 any share of public spirit, nor had any con-
 cern for the interests of mankind. Were
 they convinc'd, that their discoveries were of
 no consequence, they wou'd entirely lose
 all relish for their studies, and that tho' the
 consequences be entirely indifferent to
 them; which seems to be a contradiction.

To remove this contradiction, we must
 consider, that there are certain desires and
 inclinations, which go no farther than the
 imagination, and are rather the faint sha-
 dows and images of passions, than any real
 affections. Thus, suppose a man, who takes
 a survey of the fortifications of any city;
 considers their strength and advantages, na-
 tural or acquir'd; observes the disposition
 and contrivance of the bastions, ramparts,
 mines, and other military works; 'tis plain,
 that in proportion as all these are fitted to
 attain their ends, he will receive a suitable



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pleasure and satisfaction. This pleasure, as it arises from the utility, not the form of the objects, can be no other than a sympathy with the inhabitants, for whose security all this art is employ'd; tho' 'tis possible, that this person, as a stranger or an enemy, may in his heart have no kindness for them, or may even entertain a hatred against them.

IT may indeed be objected, that such a remote sympathy is a very slight foundation for a passion, and that so much industry and application, as we frequently observe in philosophers, can never be deriv'd from so inconsiderable an original. But here I return to what I have already remark'd, that the pleasure of study consists chiefly in the action of the mind, and the exercise of the genius and understanding in the discovery or comprehension of any truth. If the importance of the truth be requisite to complete the pleasure, 'tis not on account of any considerable addition, which of itself it brings to our enjoyment, but only because 'tis, in some measure, requisite to fix our attention. When we are careless and inattentive, the same action of the understanding has no effect upon us, nor is able to convey

convey any of that satisfaction, which arises from it, when we are in another disposition.

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BUT beside the action of the mind, which is the principal foundation of the pleasure, there is likewise requir'd a degree of success in the attainment of the end, or the discovery of that truth we examine. Upon this head I shall make a general remark, which may be useful on many occasions, *viz.* that where the mind pursues any end with passion; tho' that passion be not deriv'd originally from the end, but merely from the action and pursuit; yet by the natural course of the affections, we acquire a concern for the end itself, and are uneasy under any disappointment we meet with in the pursuit of it. This proceeds from the relation and parallel direction of the passions above-mention'd.

TO illustrate all this by a similar instance, I shall observe, that there cannot be two passions more nearly resembling each other, than those of hunting and philosophy, whatever disproportion may at first sight appear betwixt them. 'Tis evident, that the pleasure of hunting consists in the action of the mind and body; the motion, the attention, the

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evident likewise, that these actions must be attended with an idea of utility, in order to their having any effect upon us. A man of the greatest fortune, and the farthest remov'd from avarice, tho' he takes a pleasure in hunting after partridges and pheasants, feels no satisfaction in shooting crows and magpies; and that because he considers the first as fit for the table, and the other as entirely useless. Here 'tis certain, that the utility or importance of itself causes no real passion, but is only requisite to support the imagination; and the same person, who over-looks a ten times greater profit in any other subject, is pleas'd to bring home half a dozen woodcocks or plovers, after having employ'd several hours in hunting after them. To make the parallel betwixt hunting and philosophy more compleat, we may observe, that tho' in both cases the end of our action may in itself be despis'd, yet in the heat of the action we acquire such an attention to this end, that we are very uneasy under any disappointments, and are sorry when we either miss our game, or fall into any error in our reasoning.

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IF we want another parallel to these af-
 fections, we may consider the passion of
 gaming, which affords a pleasure from the
 same principles as hunting and philosophy.
 It has been remark'd, that the pleasure of
 gaming arises not from interest alone; since
 many leave a sure gain for this entertain-
 ment: Neither is it deriv'd from the game
 alone; since the same persons have no sa-
 tisfaction, when they play for nothing: But
 proceeds from both these causes united, tho'
 separately they have no effect. 'Tis here,
 as in certain chymical preparations, where
 the mixture of two clear and transparent
 liquids produces a third, which is opaque
 and colour'd.

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THE interest, which we have in any
 game, engages our attention, without which
 we can have no enjoyment, either in that
 or in any other action. Our attention be-
 ing once engag'd, the difficulty, variety, and
 sudden reverses of fortune, still farther interest
 us; and 'tis from that concern our satisfac-
 tion arises. Human life is so tiresome a
 scene, and men generally are of such indo-
 lent dispositions, that whatever amuses them,
 tho' by a passion mixt with pain, does in
 the main give them a sensible pleasure. And
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PART III. *Of the will and direct passions.* this pleasure is here encreas'd by the nature of the objects, which being sensible, and of a narrow compass, are enter'd into with facility, and are agreeable to the imagination.

THE same theory, that accounts for the love of truth in mathematics and algebra, may be extended to morals, politics, natural philosophy, and other studies, where we consider not the abstract relations of ideas, but their real connexions and existence. But beside the love of knowledge, which displays itself in the sciences, there is a certain curiosity implanted in human nature, which is a passion deriv'd from a quite different principle. Some people have an insatiable desire of knowing the actions and circumstances of their neighbours, tho' their interest be no way concern'd in them, and they must entirely depend on others for their information; in which case there is no room for study or application. Let us search for the reason of this phænomenon.

IT has been prov'd at large, that the influence of belief is at once to inliven and infix any idea in the imagination, and prevent all kind of hesitation and uncertainty about it. Both these circumstances are advantageous.

vantageous. By the vivacity of the idea S E C T.
 we interest the fancy, and produce, tho' in X.
 a lesser degree, the same pleasure, which Of curio-
 arises from a moderate passion. As the sity, or the
 vivacity of the idea gives pleasure, so its love of
 certainty prevents uneasiness, by fixing one truth.
 particular idea in the mind, and keeping
 it from wavering in the choice of its ob-
 jects. 'Tis a quality of human nature,
 which is conspicuous on many occasions,
 and is common both to the mind and body,
 that too sudden and violent a change is
 unpleasant to us, and that however any
 objects may in themselves be indifferent,
 yet their alteration gives uneasiness. As 'tis
 the nature of doubt to cause a variation in
 the thought, and transport us suddenly from
 one idea to another, it must of consequence
 be the occasion of pain. This pain chiefly
 takes place, where interest, relation, or the
 greatness and novelty of any event interests
 us in it. 'Tis not every matter of fact, of
 which we have a curiosity to be inform'd;
 neither are they such only as we have an
 interest to know. 'Tis sufficient if the idea
 strikes on us with such force, and concerns
 us so nearly, as to give us an uneasiness in
 its instability and inconstancy. A stranger,
 when

PART when he arrives first at any town, may be
III. entirely indifferent about knowing the his-
 tory and adventures of the inhabitants; but
 as he becomes farther acquainted with them,
 and has liv'd any considerable time among
 them, he acquires the same curiosity as the
 natives. When we are reading the history
 of a nation, we may have an ardent desire
 of clearing up any doubt or difficulty, that
 occurs in it; but become careless in such
 researches, when the ideas of these events
 are, in a great measure, obliterated.

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