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Many ladies are delicately miserable, and imagine that they are lamenting the loss of a lover, when they are full of self-applause, and reflections on their own superior refinement.
WOLLSTONECRAFT Mary. cont’d.

The pure animal spirits which make both mind and body shoot out, and unfold the tender blossoms of hope, are turned sour, and tended in vain wishes, in pet repinings, that contract the faculties and spoil the temper; else they mount to the brain, and sharpening the understanding before it gains proportionable strength, produce that piteous cunning which disgracefully characterises the female mind—and (God will characterize it whilst women remain the slaves of power.)