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A Father’s Legacy to his Daughter. 1809.

31. When a girl ceases to blush, she has lost the most powerful charm of beauty.

32. If you happen to have any learning, keep it profound secret; especially from the men, who generally look with a jealous and maligning eye on a woman of great parts, and a cultivated understanding.

33. A man’s sense and goodness is far superior to this meanness. But such a one will seldom fall in your way.

34. More agreeable as companions... less amiable as women; an important distinction, which many of your sex are not aware of...
The intention of your being taught needlework, knitting and such like in no way accounts for the minute value of all you can do with your hands, which is nothing but to enable you to judge more perfectly in that kind of work, and to direct the execution of it in others. Another principal end is to enable you to fill up, in a tolerably agreeable way, some of the many solitary hours you must necessarily pass at home.

64. The finest bosom in Nature is not so fine as what imagination forms.

90. It is a maxim laid down among you, and a very prudent one it is, that love is not to begin in your past, but is entirely to be the consequence of our attachment to you. grated