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Vni. 11.


In the polite world forms of speech are used, which are not meant to be
uvderstood according to their abvious meaning. For instance, when one man says or writes to another, Your hum-
ble servant, or your most obedient, he intends not to bind himself to clean the
boots of the one fie thus addresses, or to do him any sort of menial service and much less does he mean that he is ready and willing to yield him obedi-
ence in all cases whatsoever. It is apon this topic, as the aforesaid forms of speech have almost become absolete, at least in these United States. Pledges of humble service and passive obe-
dience, mutually given in the interthis country as they were once comthis country as This is no matter of regret; for
mon. is not a flower that has been plucked up, but a weed.
But therê is one other form of words, abuse over this whole country; and it is the more to be lamented, as these last are words of grave import, as well
as of obvious sense $:$ I mean the phrase, as of obvious sense : I mean the phrase,
so abundantly used-I promise to payy
In other times these words were pass ed with timid caution, and when pass-
ed, they were held sacred : but they are now words of mere form, meaning nothing; very like the old complimen-
tary phrases-Your tumble servant-
Your most obedient. Not but that the of opmise al ways interpets sthe text, as pressed meaning. But the ppomiser
perverts the text, that he may accom-
modate it to his own heterodox notions modate it to his own heterodox notions;
or, rather, after the Romish doctrine of mental reservation, he, mentally, in-
terpolates the word Never-making it terpolates the word Never-making
run thus, I promise (never) to pay.
It would be endless to recount the mischiefs that are flowing in upon
society from this prevailing heresy; nor it it neen ful, since the most of them
are too obyious to escape notice Wherefore, not to mention the vexa-
tious dlappointtents, the indignant
feelings, daily arising, in ten thousand instances, from this single source; nor yet to mention its destructive influence
upon all confidence between man and upon all confidence between man and be matter merely as it affects the interests of the delinquent party.
Be it supposed that he is a man poshat he hos a larg swa called good nature; that he is obliging and qumpassionate; that, in the main,
he is a moral man, and, finally, that there is no apparent blemish in his char-
acter, save this alone. Give the de acter, save this alone. Give the de-
linquent all these good, qualities, and
yet "t the dead fly in the precious hiquent all these good qualities, and
yet "the dead fly in thecious
ointment," spoils the whole compound. There is a grain of immorality in very ; and intance in in tary word-break one step naturally leads to another. The good natured man, who has ne-
glected to fulfil bis promise, is fain to cast about him for an excuse, and if $h$
cannot find one, he makes it can hardly be done, for the first or se cond time, without a considerable struggle with moral principle. But it soon
becomes feasible, and as natural almost becomes feasible, and as natural almost
as to breathe. In the process. of this
ill habit, ings, as respects strict veracit in fiction without any sort of compunc Nor is this all; he is the oceasion o
falsehood in others. He steps over alsehood in others, He stepssover
one of his neighbours to borrow. His
neighbour neighbour respects him for his sundry
good qualities, but knows well the paricular infirmity of his character, He
is loth to lose his friend, and quite as loth to hazard his money. What dees he do ? He , also proceeds to frame
fictitious excuses: ${ }^{\text {pam very sorry, Sir, }}$ that it is not in-my power to, oblige
you. There is no man living that should Theret is no man living that I
but-" and then oady to serve, bnt-
"Ours are the plans of lair, delightfal peace,
«Unwarp'd by party yage to live like brothers.
Friday, September 16, 1825




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