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not know how much I might scribble, if I was not afraid to trespass too much on your patience. Sir, with the most profound respect to the Magazine company, I remain your humble servant.

TABITHA SIMPLE.

For the Belfast Monthly Magazine.

IN obedience to Miss Tabitha's command, her letter has been forwarded to Nemorensis, who sends the annexed reply. The powerful adjuration towards the close of her letter, caused an eager search to find a compliment fit for insertion, according to her desire, but none could be discovered equal to her approbation expressed in her own language, and therefore it remains unaltered.—The alteration in the words *cacoethes scriblendi*, from the usual expression, is too happy to have been a mistake, in fact the *cacoethes* is much oftener that of *scriblendi* than of *scribendi*. It would be presumptuous to give opinions on the other delicate subjects on which she requires them, without more experience, but perhaps the Sage ***** may be so obliging as to undertake the task, as he is a friend to the

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TO MISS TABITHA SIMPLE.

MADAM,

The isle of Venus is far remote: the residence of Minerva it is not my fate to visit so often as I could desire, and Morpheus, instead of detaining has been more desirous to dismiss me, than I could wish, on many nights of late. The causes for the delay of the Court of Juno, had no reference to these *ci devant* divinities, and were chiefly a fear of the former part not having been agreeable, where it was most desired it should be so, and that the rest would, besides having the same fate, seem too tedious from the extent necessary to complete the design, being so much greater than was first imagined; some private occurrences also I must own, unfitted my mind from attending to such subjects at the time.

I hope you will excuse my differing in opinion with you, on the peculiar sensibility of literary men to flattery? but if for this word you insert female approbation, the charge

will then be undeniable. What manly heart can be insensible to the good opinion of one or other of the fair sex? I know of none; and literary men can least of all be so, meeting as they do, in the course of their studies, such perpetual instances to remind them of the influence of the ladies; and for my part, of all the chapters of the bible, I believe that of Esdras most firmly, which so beautifully describes the power of women.

I shall now conclude with hoping that my obedience to your wishes, in continuing Juno, may have the good fortune to please you better than before. I am madam your most devoted servant,

NEMORENSIS.

For the Belfast Monthly Magazine.

THE COURT OF JUNO....A VISION.

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AFTER the tables were cleared, a coffee was served in, and the ladies having taken a few dishes, separated to pursue various exercises and amusements in the open air, for the remainder of the afternoon. Some rode out in carriages, of the kind before mentioned, in various excursions to different parts of the island; others accompanied them on horseback; a third party furnished themselves with various fishing apparatus, and proceeded to a large lake, that extended from the extremity of an adjoining grove, to the residence of Diana, where a number of elegantly formed boats, were ready to receive them; which they managed with the greatest skill and dexterity; some skimming over the glassy expanse with extreme velocity, from the admirable construction of the boats, and formation of the sails; and others, for the sake of more healthful exercise, contending with light oars in various courses; and when sufficiently tired, amusing themselves with taking the finny prey, which the lake seemed to furnish in the greatest abundance. A third party preferred the more gentle exercise of walking, and divided for this purpose into several groups; some of which went to visit the favourite plants, which they cultivated in adjacent gardens; others to seek new plants,