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THE MEMOIRS OF MARGUERITE DE VALOIS

THE MEMOIRS OF MARGUERITE DE VALOIS, v1
[CM01][cm01b10.txt]3838

Adversity is solitary, while prosperity dwells in a crowd
Comeliness of his person, which at all times pleads powerfully
Everything in the world bore a double aspect
Hearsay liable to be influenced by ignorance or malice
Hopes they (enemies) should hereafter become our friends
I should praise you more had you praised me less
It is the usual frailty of our sex to be fond of flattery
Mistrust is the sure forerunner of hatred
Necessity is said to be the mother of invention
Never approached any other man near enough to know a difference
Not to repose too much confidence in our friends
Prefer truth to embellishment
Rather out of contempt, and because it was good policy
The Massacre of St. Bartholomew's Day
To embellish my story I have neither leisure nor ability
Troubles might not be lasting
Young girls seldom take much notice of children

THE MEMOIRS OF MARGUERITE DE VALOIS, V2
[CM02][cm02b10.txt]3839

Envy and malice are self-deceivers
Honours and success are followed by envy
Lovers are not criminal in the estimation of one another
Situating as I was betwixt fear and hope
The pretended reformed religion
There is too much of it for earnest, and not enough for jest
Those who have given offence to hate the offended party

THE HISTORY OF THE HOUSE OF VALOIS, V3
[CM03][cm03b10.txt]3840

From faith to action the bridge is short
Much is forgiven to a king
Parliament aided the King to expel the Jesuits from France
The record of the war is as the smoke of a furnace

THE ENTIRE MEMOIRS OF MARGUERITE DE VALOIS
[CM04][cm04b10.txt]3841

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THE MEMOIRS OF CARDINAL DE RETZ

THE MEMOIRS OF CARDINAL DE RETZ, V1
[CM05][cm05b10.txt]3842

Assurance often supplies the room of good sense
By the means of a hundred pistoles down, and vast promises
False glory and false modesty
He knew how to put a good gloss upon his failings
He weighed everything, but fixed on nothing
Is there a greater in the world than heading a party?
Nothing is so subject to delusion as piety
So indiscreet as to boast of his successful amours
Verily believed he was really the man which he affected to be

THE MEMOIRS OF CARDINAL DE RETZ, V2
[CM06][cm06b10.txt]3843

Always to sacrifice the little affairs to the greater
Always judged of actions by men, and never men by their actions
Arms which are not tempered by laws quickly become anarchy
Associating patience with activity
Blindness that make authority to consist only in force
Bounty, which, though very often secret, had the louder echo
Civil war is one of those complicated diseases
Clergy always great examples of slavish servitude
Confounded the most weighty with the most trifling
Contempt—the most dangerous disease of any State

Dangerous to refuse presents from one's superiors
Distinguished between bad and worse, good and better
Fading flowers, which are fragrant to-day and offensive tomorrow
Fool in adversity and a knave in prosperity
Fools yield only when they cannot help it
Good news should be employed in providing against bad
He had not a long view of what was beyond his reach
His wit was far inferior to his courage
His ideas were infinitely above his capacity
Impossible for her to live without being in love with somebody
Inconvenience of popularity
Kinds of fear only to be removed by higher degrees of terror
Laws without the protection of arms sink into contempt
Maxims showed not great regard for virtue
More ambitious than was consistent with morality
My utmost to save other souls, though I took no care of my own
Need of caution in what we say to our friends
Neither capable of governing nor being governed
Men of irresolution are apt to catch at all overtures
Never had woman more contempt for scruples and ceremonies
Oftener deceived by distrusting than by being overcredulous
One piece of bad news seldom comes singly
Only way to acquire them is to show that we do not value them
Poverty so well became him
Power commonly keeps above ridicule
Pretended to a great deal more wit than came to his share
Queen was adored much more for her troubles than for her merit
Strongest may safely promise to the weaker what he thinks fit
Those who carry more sail than ballast
Thought he always stood in need of apologies
Transitory honour is mere smoke
Treated him as she did her petticoat
Useful man in a faction because of his wonderful complacency
Vanity to love to be esteemed the first author of things
Virtue for a man to confess a fault than not to commit one
We are far more moved at the hearing of old stories
Weakening and changing the laws of the land
Whose vivacity supplied the want of judgment
Wisdom in affairs of moment is nothing without courage
With a design to do good, he did evil
Yet he gave more than he promised

THE MEMOIRS OF CARDINAL DE RETZ, V3
[CM07][cm07b10.txt]3844

Buckingham had been in love with three Queens
Civil war as not powerful enough to conclude a peace
Insinuation is of more service than that of persuasion
Man that supposed everybody had a back door
Mazarin: embezzling some nine millions of the public money

Passed for the author of events of which I was only the prophet
The subdivision of parties is generally the ruin of all
The wisest fool he ever saw in his life
Who imagine the head of a party to be their master

THE MEMOIRS OF CARDINAL DE RETZ, V4
[CM08][cm08b10.txt]3845

Help to blind the rest of mankind, and they even become blinder
She had nothing but beauty, which cloyes when it comes alone
You must know that, with us Princes, words go for nothing

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[CM09][cm09b10.txt]3846

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THE MEMOIRS OF MADAME DE MONTESPAN

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 [CM10][cm10b10.txt]3847

Armed with beauty and sarcasm
 Conduct of the sort which cements and revives attachments
 Console me on the morrow for what had troubled me to-day
 Depicting other figures she really portrays her own
 In England a man is the absolute proprietor of his wife
 In Rome justice and religion always rank second to politics
 Kings only desire to be obeyed when they command

Laws will only be as so many black lines on white paper
Love-affair between Mademoiselle de la Valliere and the King
Madame de Montespan had died of an attack of coquetry
Not show it off was as if one only possessed a kennel
That Which Often It is Best to Ignore
Violent passion had changed to mere friendship
When women rule their reign is always stormy and troublous
Wife: property or of furniture, useful to his house
Won for himself a great name and great wealth by words

THE MEMOIRS OF MADAME DE MONTESPAN, V2
[CM11][cm11b10.txt]3848

Cannot reconcile themselves to what exists
Domestics included two nurses, a waiting-maid, a physician
Extravagant, without the means to be so
Happy with him as a woman who takes her husband's place can be
Poetry without rhapsody
Present princes and let those be scandalised who will!
Satire without bitterness
Talent without artifice
The pulpit is in want of comedians; they work wonders there
Then comes discouragement; after that, habit
Trust not in kings
What they need is abstinence, prohibitions, thwartings
When one has seen him, everything is excusable
Would you like to be a cardinal? I can manage that

THE MEMOIRS OF MADAME DE MONTESPAN, V3
[CM12][cm12b10.txt]3849

And then he would go off, laughing in his sleeve
Hate me, but fear me
He was not fool enough for his place
I myself being the first to make merry at it (my plainness)
In the great world, a vague promise is the same as a refusal
It is easier to offend me than to deceive me
Knew how to point the Bastille cannon at the troops of the King
Madame de Sevigne
Time, the irresistible healer
Weeping just as if princes had not got to die like anybody else
Went so far as to shed tears, his most difficult feat of all
When one has been pretty, one imagines that one is still so

THE MEMOIRS OF MADAME DE MONTESPAN, V4
[CM13][cm13b10.txt]3850

All the death-in-life of a convent
Cuddlings and caresses of decrepitude
In ill-assorted unions, good sense or good nature must intervene

THE MEMOIRS OF MADAME DE MONTESPAN, V5
[CM14][cm14b10.txt]3851

Grow like a dilapidated house; I am only here to repair myself
He contradicted me about trifles
Intimacy, once broken, cannot be renewed
Jealous without motive, and almost without love
The King replied that "too much was too much"
The monarch suddenly enough rejuvenated his attire
There is an exaggeration in your sorrow

THE MEMOIRS OF MADAME DE MONTESPAN, V6
[CM15][cm15b10.txt]3852

Always sold at a loss which must be sold at a given moment
Permissible neither to applaud nor to hiss
Respectful without servility
She awaits your replies without interruption
These liars in surplice, in black cassock, or in purple
Wish you had the generosity to show, now and again, less wit
You know, madame, that he generally gets everything he wants

THE MEMOIRS OF MADAME DE MONTESPAN, V7
[CM16][cm16b10.txt]3853

Ambition puts a thick bandage over the eyes
Says all that he means, and resolutely means all that he can say
Situations in life where we are condemned to see evil done
Women who misconduct themselves are pitiless and severe

THE ENTIRE MEMOIRS OF MADAME DE MONTESPAN
[CM17][cm17b10.txt]3854

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MEMOIRS OF LOUIS XIV, BY DUCHESS D'ORLEANS

MEMOIRS OF LOUIS XIV, BY DUCH D'ORLEANS, V1
[CM18][cm18b10.txt]3855

A pious Capuchin explained her dream to her
Art of satisfying people even while he reproved their requests
Asked the King a hundred questions, which is not the fashion
Because the Queen has only the rinsings of the glass
Duplicity passes for wit, and frankness is looked upon as folly
Even doubt whether he believes in the existence of a God
Follies and superstitions as the rosaries and other things
Formerly the custom to swear horridly on all occasions
Great filthiness in the interior of their houses
Great things originated from the most insignificant trifles
He always slept in the Queen's bed
He had good natural wit, but was extremely ignorant
He was a good sort of man, notwithstanding his weaknesses
Her teeth were very ugly, being black and broken (Queen)
I am unquestionably very ugly
I formed a religion of my own
I have seldom been at a loss for something to laugh at
I never take medicine but on urgent occasions
It was not permitted to argue with him
Jewels and decoration attract attention (to the ugly)
Louis XIV. scarcely knew how to read and write
Made his mistresses treat her with all becoming respect
My husband proposed separate beds
No man more ignorant of religion than the King was
Nobility becoming poor could not afford to buy the high offices
Not lawful to investigate in matters of religion
Robes battantes for the purpose of concealing her pregnancy
Seeing myself look as ugly as I really am (in a mirror)
So great a fear of hell had been instilled into the King
Soon tired of war, and wishing to return home (Louis XIV)
The old woman (Madame Maintenon)
To die is the least event of my life (Maintenon)
To tell the truth, I was never very fond of having children
You are a King; you weep, and yet I go
You never look in a mirror when you pass it

MEMOIRS OF LOUIS XIV, BY DUCH D'ORLEANS, V2
[CM19][cm19b10.txt]3856

Always has a fictitious malady in reserve
I had a mind, he said, to commit one sin, but not two
I wished the husband not to be informed of it
Old Maintenon
Provided they are talked of, they are satisfied
That what he called love was mere debauchery

MEMOIRS OF LOUIS XIV, BY DUCH D'ORLEANS, V3

[CM20][cm20b10.txt]3857

Bad company spoils good manners
Duc de Grammont, then Ambassador, played the Confessor
Frequent and excessive bathing have undermined her health
It is an unfortunate thing for a man not to know himself
Like will to like

MEMOIRS OF LOUIS XIV, BY DUCH D'ORLEANS, V4
[CM21][cm21b10.txt]3858

But all shame is extinct in France
Exclaimed so long against high head-dresses
Honour grows again as well as hair
I thought I should win it, and so I lost it
If I should die, shall I not have lived long enough?
Only your illegitimate daughter
Original manuscripts of the Memoirs of Cardinal Retz
She never could be agreeable to women
Since becoming Queen she had not had a day of real happiness
Stout, healthy girl of nineteen had no other sins to confess
Subject to frequent fits of abstraction
Throw his priest into the Necker

ENTIRE MEMOIRS LOUIS XIV, BY DUCH D'ORLEANS
[CM22][cm22b10.txt]3859

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 I have seldom been at a loss for something to laugh at
 I am unquestionably very ugly
 I had a mind, he said, to commit one sin, but not two
 I formed a religion of my own
 If I should die, shall I not have lived long enough?
 It is an unfortunate thing for a man not to know himself
 It was not permitted to argue with him
 Jewels and decoration attract attention (to the ugly)
 Like will to like
 Louis XIV. scarcely knew how to read and write
 Made his mistresses treat her with all becoming respect
 My husband proposed separate beds
 No man more ignorant of religion than the King was
 Nobility becoming poor could not afford to buy the high offices
 Not lawful to investigate in matters of religion
 Old Maintenon
 Only your illegitimate daughter
 Original manuscripts of the Memoirs of Cardinal Retz
 Provided they are talked of, they are satisfied
 Robes battantes for the purpose of concealing her pregnancy
 Seeing myself look as ugly as I really am (in a mirror)
 She never could be agreeable to women
 Since becoming Queen she had not had a day of real happiness
 So great a fear of hell had been instilled into the King
 Soon tired of war, and wishing to return home (Louis XIV)
 Stout, healthy girl of nineteen had no other sins to confess
 Subject to frequent fits of abstraction
 That what he called love was mere debauchery
 The old woman (Madame Maintenon)
 Throw his priest into the Necker
 To tell the truth, I was never very fond of having children
 To die is the least event of my life (Maintenon)
 You never look in a mirror when you pass it
 You are a King; you weep, and yet I go

MEMOIRS OF LOUIS XIV, BY THE DUC de SAINT-SIMON

MEMOIRS OF LOUIS XIV, BY SAINT-SIMON, V1
 [CM23][cm23b10.txt]3860

Aptitude did not come up to my desire
 Believed that to undertake and succeed were only the same things
 Exceeded all that was promised of her, and all that I had hoped
 He had pleased (the King) by his drugs
 King was being wheeled in his easy chair in the gardens
 Less easily forget the injuries we inflict than those received
 Make religion a little more palpable
 Manifesto of a man who disgorges his bile
 Mightily tired of masters and books

More facility I have as King to gratify myself
My wife went to bed, and received a crowd of visitors
People who had only sores to share
Persuaded themselves they understood each other
Received all the Court in her bed
Saw peace desired were they less inclined to listen to terms
Spark of ambition would have destroyed all his edifice
Sulpicians
The safest place on the Continent
Wise and disdainful silence is difficult to keep under reverses
With him one's life was safe

MEMOIRS OF LOUIS XIV, BY SAINT-SIMON, V2
[CM24][cm24b10.txt]3861

But with a crawling baseness equal to her previous audacity
He limped audaciously
Height to which her insignificance had risen
His death, so happy for him and so sad for his friends
His habits were publicly known to be those of the Greeks
In order to say something cutting to you, says it to himself
Madame de Maintenon in returning young and poor from America
No means, therefore, of being wise among so many fools
Omissions must be repaired as soon as they are perceived
Pope excommunicated those who read the book or kept it
She lose her head, and her accomplice to be broken on the wheel
The clergy, to whom envy is not unfamiliar
The porter and the soldier were arrested and tortured
Whitehall, the largest and ugliest palace in Europe
World; so unreasoning, and so little in accord with itself

MEMOIRS OF LOUIS XIV, BY SAINT-SIMON, V3
[CM25][cm25b10.txt]3862

A King's son, a King's father, and never a King
Capacity was small, and yet he believed he knew everything
He was accused of putting on an imperceptible touch of rouge
Monseigneur, who had been out wolf-hunting
Never been able to bend her to a more human way of life
Spoke only about as much as three or four women
Supported by unanswerable reasons that did not convince
The most horrible sights have often ridiculous contrasts
The nothingness of what the world calls great destinies
Whatever course I adopt many people will condemn me

MEMOIRS OF LOUIS XIV, BY SAINT-SIMON, V4
[CM26][cm26b10.txt]3863

His great piety contributed to weaken his mind
Of a politeness that was unendurable

Reproaches rarely succeed in love
Spoil all by asking too much
Teacher lost little, because he had little to lose
There was no end to the outrageous civilities of M. de Coislin

MEMOIRS OF LOUIS XIV, BY SAINT-SIMON, V5
[CM27][cm27b10.txt]3864

Imagining themselves everywhere in marvellous danger of capture
Oh, my lord! how many virtues you make me detest
Polite when necessary, but insolent when he dared
Promotion was granted according to length of service

MEMOIRS OF LOUIS XIV, BY SAINT-SIMON, V6
[CM28][cm28b10.txt]3865

Compelled to pay, who would have preferred giving voluntarily
Conjugal impatience of the Duc de Bourgogne
Desmarets no longer knew of what wood to make a crutch
He was so good that I sometimes reproached him for it
Indiscreet and tyrannical charity
Jesuits: all means were good that furthered his designs
Said that if they were good, they were sure to be hated

MEMOIRS OF LOUIS XIV, BY SAINT-SIMON, V7
[CM29][cm29b10.txt]3866

Found it easier to fly into a rage than to reply

MEMOIRS OF LOUIS XIV, BY SAINT-SIMON, V8
[CM30][cm30b10.txt]3867

A king is made for his subjects, and not the subjects for him
A lingering fear lest the sick man should recover
Danger of inducing hypocrisy by placing devotion too high
For want of better support I sustained myself with courage
Interests of all interested painted on their faces
Never was a man so ready with tears, so backward with grief
Suspicion of a goitre, which did not ill become her
The shortness of each day was his only sorrow

MEMOIRS OF LOUIS XIV, BY SAINT-SIMON, V9
[CM31][cm31b10.txt]3868

Admit our ignorance, and not to give fictions and inventions
Arranged his affairs that he died without money
For penance: "we must make our servants fast"
The argument of interest is the best of all with monks

MEMOIRS OF LOUIS XIV, BY SAINT-SIMON, V10

[CM32][cm32b10.txt]3869

Depopulated a quarter of the realm
He liked nobody to be in any way superior to him
He was born bored; he was so accustomed to live out of himself
He was scarcely taught how to read or write
It is a sign that I have touched the sore point
Pope not been ashamed to extol the Saint-Bartholomew
Revocation of the edict of Nantes
Seeing him eat olives with a fork!
Touched, but like a man who does not wish to seem so
Unreasonable love of admiration, was his ruin
Who counted others only as they stood in relation to himself

MEMOIRS OF LOUIS XIV, BY SAINT-SIMON, V11
[CM33][cm33b10.txt]3870

Scarcely any history has been written at first hand

MEMOIRS OF LOUIS XIV, BY SAINT-SIMON, V12
[CM34][cm34b10.txt]3871

He was often firm in promises

MEMOIRS OF LOUIS XIV, BY SAINT-SIMON, V13
[CM35][cm35b10.txt]3872

A cardinal may be poisoned, stabbed, got rid of altogether
Enriched one at the expense of the other
Few would be enriched at the expense of the many
I abhorred to gain at the expense of others
Juggle, which put the wealth of Peter into the pockets of Paul
Not allowing ecclesiastics to meddle with public affairs
People with difficulty believe what they have seen
Rome must be infallible, or she is nothing

MEMOIRS OF LOUIS XIV, BY SAINT-SIMON, V14
[CM36][cm36b10.txt]3873

Countries of the Inquisition, where science is a crime
Ignorance and superstition the first of virtues

MEMOIRS OF LOUIS XIV, BY SAINT-SIMON, V15
[CM37][cm37b10.txt]3874

A good friend when a friend at all, which was rare
Artagnan, captain of the grey musketeers
Death came to laugh at him for the sweating labour he had taken
From bad to worse was easy
Others were not allowed to dream as he had lived

We die as we have lived, and 'tis rare it happens otherwise

ENTIRE MEMOIRS OF LOUIS XIV, BY SAINT-SIMON
[CM38][cm38b10.txt]3875

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MEMOIRS OF LOUIS XV./XVI, BY HAUSSET, V1
[CM39][cm39b10.txt]3876

A liar ought to have a good memory
Because he is fat, he is thought dull and heavy
Danger of confiding the administration to noblemen
Do not repulse him in his fond moments
He who quits the field loses it
Money the universal lever, and you are in want of it
Offering you the spectacle of my miseries
Sentiment is more prompt, and inspires me with fear
Sworn that she had thought of nothing but you all her life
To despise money, is to despise happiness, liberty...
We look upon you as a cat, or a dog, and go on talking
When the only security of a King rests upon his troops
You tell me bad news: having packed up, I had rather go

MEMOIRS OF LOUIS XV./XVI, BY HAUSSET, V2
[CM40][cm40b10.txt]3877

Air of science calculated to deceive the vulgar
Bad habit of talking very indiscreetly before others
Clouds—you may see what you please in them
Dared to say to me, so he writes
Dead always in fault, and cannot be put out of sight too soon
French people do not do things by halves
Fresh proof of the intrigues of the Jesuits
How difficult it is to do good
I dared not touch that string
Infinite astonishment at his sharing the common destiny
Madame made the Treaty of Sienna
Pension is granted on condition that his poems are never printed
Pleasure of making a great noise at little expense
Sending astronomers to Mexico and Peru, to measure the earth
She always says the right thing in the right place
She drives quick and will certainly be overturned on the road

MEMOIRS OF LOUIS XV./XVI, BY HAUSSET, V3
[CM41][cm41b10.txt]3878

Embonpoint of the French Princesses
Few individuals except Princesses do with parade and publicity
Frailty in the ambitious, through which the artful can act
Laughed at qualities she could not comprehend
Mind well stored against human casualties
Policy, in sovereigns, is paramount to every other
Quiet work of ruin by whispers and detraction
Ridicule, than which no weapon is more false or deadly
Salique Laws
Thank Heaven, I am out of harness
Traducing virtues the slanderers never possessed
Underrated what she could not imitate
Where the knout is the logician

MEMOIRS OF LOUIS XV./XVI, BY HAUSSET, V4
[CM42][cm42b10.txt]3879

Fatal error of conscious rectitude
Feel themselves injured by the favour shown to others
Listeners never hear any good of themselves
Only retire to make room for another race
Regardlessness of appearances

MEMOIRS OF LOUIS XV./XVI, BY HAUSSET, V5
[CM43][cm43b10.txt]3880

Beaumarchais sent arms to the Americans
Educate his children as quietists in matters of religion
It is an ill wind that blows no one any good
Judge of men by the company they keep
Les culottes—what do you call them? 'Small clothes'
My little English protegee
No phrase becomes a proverb until after a century's experience
We say "inexpressibles"
Wish art to eclipse nature

MEMOIRS OF LOUIS XV./XVI, BY HAUSSET, V6
[CM44][cm44b10.txt]3881

And scarcely a woman; for your answers are very short
Can make a Duchess a beggar, but cannot make a beggar a Duchess
Canvassing for a majority to set up D'Orleans
Clergy enjoyed one-third the national revenues
Declaring the Duke of Orleans the constitutional King
Foolishly occupying themselves with petty matters
Many an aching heart rides in a carriage

Over-caution may produce evils almost equal to carelessness
Panegyric of the great Edmund Burke upon Marie Antoinette
People in independence are only the puppets of demagogues
Revolution not as the Americans, founded on grievances
Suppression of all superfluous religious institutions
The King remained as if paralysed and stupefied
These expounders—or confounders—of codes
To be accused was to incur instant death
Who confound logic with their wishes

MEMOIRS OF LOUIS XV./XVI, BY HAUSSET, V7
[CM45][cm45b10.txt]3882

Honesty is to be trusted before genius
More dangerous to attack the habits of men than their religion

THE ENTIRE LOUIS XV./XVI, BY HAUSSET
[CM46][cm46b10.txt]3883

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MEMOIRS OF MARIE ANTOINETTE, BY MADAME CAMPAN

MEMOIRS OF MARIE ANTOINETTE, BY CAMPAN, V1
 [CM47][cm47b10.txt]3884

Ah, Madame, we have all been killed in our masters' service!

Brought me her daughter Hortense de Beauharnais
 Condescension which renders approbation more offensive
 Difference between brilliant theories and the simplest practice
 Extreme simplicity was the Queens first and only real mistake
 I hate all that savours of fanaticism
 If ever I establish a republic of women....
 No ears that will discover when she (The Princess) is out of tune
 Observe the least pretension on account of the rank or fortune
 On domestic management depends the preservation of their fortune
 Spirit of party can degrade the character of a nation
 Tastes may change
 The anti-Austrian party, discontented and vindictive
 They say you live very poorly here, Moliere
 True nobility, gentlemen, consists in giving proofs of it
 We must have obedience, and no reasoning
 What do young women stand in need of?—Mothers!
 "Would be a pity," she said, "to stop when so fairly on the road"
 Your swords have rusted in their scabbards

MEMOIRS OF MARIE ANTOINETTE, BY CAMPAN, V2
 [CM48][cm48b10.txt]3885

Carried the idea of the prerogative of rank to a high pitch
 Common and blamable practice of indulgence
 Dignified tone which alone secures the respect due to power
 Etiquette still existed at Court, dignity alone was wanting
 Happiness does not dwell in palaces
 His seraglio in the Parc-aux-Cerfs
 I love the conveniences of life too well
 Leave me in peace; be assured that I can put no heir in danger
 Most intriguing little Carmelite in the kingdom
 Princes thus accustomed to be treated as divinities
 Princess at 12 years was not mistress of the whole alphabet
 Taken pains only to render himself beloved by his pupil
 The Jesuits were suppressed
 The King delighted to manage the most disgraceful points
 To be formally mistress, a husband had to be found
 Ventured to give such rash advice: inoculation
 Was but one brilliant action that she could perform

MEMOIRS OF MARIE ANTOINETTE, BY CAMPAN, V3
 [CM49][cm49b10.txt]3886

Elegant entertainments were given to Doctor Franklin
 Fashion of wearing a black coat without being in mourning
 Favourite of a queen is not, in France, a happy one
 History of the man with the iron mask
 Of course I shall be either hissed or applauded.
 She often carried her economy to a degree of parsimony
 Shocking to find so little a man in the son of the Marechal

Simplicity of the Queen's toilet began to be strongly censured
The charge of extravagance
The three ministers, more ambitious than amorous
Well, this is royally ill played!
While the Queen was blamed, she was blindly imitated

MEMOIRS OF MARIE ANTOINETTE, BY CAMPAN, V4
[CM50][cm50b10.txt]3887

Customs are nearly equal to laws
Displaying her acquirements with rather too much confidence
I do not like these rhapsodies
Indulge in the pleasure of vice and assume the credit of virtue
No accounting for the caprices of a woman
None but little minds dreaded little books
Shun all kinds of confidence
The author (Beaumarchais) was sent to prison soon afterwards
Those muskets were immediately embarked and sold to the Americans
Young Prince suffered from the rickets

MEMOIRS OF MARIE ANTOINETTE, BY CAMPAN, V5
[CM51][cm51b10.txt]3888

Advised the King not to separate himself from his army
Grand-Dieu, mamma! will it be yesterday over again?
Mirabeau forgot that it was more easy to do harm than good
Never shall a drop of French blood be shed by my order
Saw no other advantage in it than that of saving her own life
That air of truth which always carries conviction
When kings become prisoners they are very near death
Whispered in his mother's ear, "Was that right?"

MEMOIRS OF MARIE ANTOINETTE, BY CAMPAN, V6
[CM52][cm52b10.txt]3889

A man born solely to contradict
Alas! her griefs double mine!
He is afraid to command
His ruin was resolved on; they passed to the order of the day
King (gave) the fatal order to the Swiss to cease firing
La Fayette to rescue the royal family and convey them to Rouen
Prevent disorder from organising itself
The emigrant party have their intrigues and schemes
There is not one real patriot among all this infamous horde
Those who did it should not pretend to wish to remedy it

MEMOIRS OF MARIE ANTOINETTE, BY CAMPAN, V7
[CM53][cm53b10.txt]3890

Allowed her candles and as much firewood as she wanted

Better to die than to implicate anybody
Duc d'Orleans, when called on to give his vote for death of King
Formed rather to endure calamity with patience than to contend
How can I have any regret when I partake your misfortunes
Louis Philippe, the usurper of the inheritance of her family
My father fortunately found a library which amused him
No one is more dangerous than a man clothed with recent authority
Rabble, always ready to insult genius, virtue, and misfortune
So many crimes perpetrated under that name (liberty)
Subjecting the vanquished to be tried by the conquerors

THE ENTIRE MARIE ANTOINETTE, BY CAMPAN
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 Those muskets were immediately embarked and sold to the Americans
 Those who did it should not pretend to wish to remedy it
 To be formally mistress, a husband had to be found
 True nobility, gentlemen, consists in giving proofs of it
 Ventured to give such rash advice: inoculation
 Was but one brilliant action that she could perform
 We must have obedience, and no reasoning
 Well, this is royally ill played!
 What do young women stand in need of?—Mothers!
 When kings become prisoners they are very near death
 While the Queen was blamed, she was blindly imitated
 Whispered in his mother's ear, "Was that right?"
 "Would be a pity," she said, "to stop when so fairly on the road"
 Young Prince suffered from the rickets

Your swords have rusted in their scabbards

MEMOIRS OF THE COURT OF ST. CLOUD BY A GENTLEMAN AT
PARIS

MEMOIRS OF THE COURT OF ST. CLOUD, V1
[CM55][cm55b10.txt]3892

Easy to give places to men to whom Nature has refused parts
Indifference of the French people to all religion
Prepared to become your victim, but not your accomplice
Were my generals as great fools as some of my Ministers
Which crime in power has interest to render impenetrable

MEMOIRS OF THE COURT OF ST. CLOUD, V2
[CM56][cm56b10.txt]3893

Bestowing on the Almighty the passions of mortals
Bow to their charlatanism as if it was sublimity
Cannot be expressed, and if expressed, would not be believed
Feeling, however, the want of consolation in their misfortunes
Future effects dreaded from its past enormities
God is only the invention of fear
Gold, changes black to white, guilt to innocence
Hail their sophistry and imposture as inspiration
Invention of new tortures and improved racks
Labour as much as possible in the dark
Misfortunes and proscription would not only inspire courage
My means were the boundaries of my wants
Not suspected of any vices, but all his virtues are negative
Nothing was decided, though nothing was refused
Now that she is old (as is generally the case), turned devotee
Prelate on whom Bonaparte intends to confer the Roman tiara
Saints supplied her with a finger, a toe, or some other parts
Step is but short from superstition to infidelity
Suspicion and tyranny are inseparable companions
Two hundred and twenty thousand prostitute licenses
Usurped the easy direction of ignorance
Would cease to rule the day he became just

MEMOIRS OF THE COURT OF ST. CLOUD, V3
[CM57][cm57b10.txt]3894

As confident and obstinate as ignorant
Bonaparte and his wife go now every morning to hear Mass
Bourrienne
Distinguished for their piety or rewarded for their flattery
Extravagances of a head filled with paradoxes
Forced military men to kneel before priests
Indifference about futurity

Military diplomacy
More vain than ambitious
Nature has destined him to obey, and not to govern
One of the negative accomplices of the criminal
Promises of impostors or fools to delude the ignorant
Salaries as the men, under the name of washerwomen
This is the age of upstarts," said Talleyrand
Thought at least extraordinary, even by our friends

MEMOIRS OF THE COURT OF ST. CLOUD, V4
[CM58][cm58b10.txt]3895

All his creditors, denounced and executed
All priests are to be proscribed as criminals
How much people talk about what they do not comprehend
Thought himself eloquent when only insolent or impertinent

MEMOIRS OF THE COURT OF ST. CLOUD, V5
[CM59][cm59b10.txt]3896

Hero of great ambition and small capacity: La Fayette
Marble lives longer than man
Satisfying himself with keeping three mistresses only
Under the notion of being frank, are rude
Want is the parent of industry
With us, unfortunately, suspicion is the same as conviction

MEMOIRS OF THE COURT OF ST. CLOUD, V6
[CM60][cm60b10.txt]3897

A stranger to remorse and repentance, as well as to honour
Accused of fanaticism, because she refused to cohabit with him
As everywhere else, supported injustice by violence
Bonaparte dreads more the liberty of the Press than all other
Chevalier of the Guillotine: Toureaux
Country where power forces the law to lie dormant
Encounter with dignity and self-command unbecoming provocations
Error to admit any neutrality at all
Expeditious justice, as it is called here
French Revolution was fostered by robbery and murder
He was too honest to judge soundly and to act rightly
Her present Serene Idiot, as she styles the Prince Borghese
If Bonaparte is fond of flattery—pays for it like a real Emperor
Its pretensions rose in proportion to the condescensions
Jealous of his wife as a lover of his mistress
Justice is invoked in vain when the criminal is powerful
May change his habitations six times in the month—yet be home
Men and women, old men and children are no more
My maid always sleeps with me when my husband is absent
Napoleon invasion of States of the American Commonwealth

Not only portable guillotines, but portable Jacobin clubs
Procure him after a useless life, a glorious death
Should our system of cringing continue progressively
Sold cats' meat and tripe in the streets of Rome
Sufferings of individuals, he said, are nothing
Suspicion is evidence
United States will be exposed to Napoleon's outrages
Who complains is shot as a conspirator

MEMOIRS OF THE COURT OF ST. CLOUD, V7
[CM61][cm61b10.txt]3898

Complacency which may be felt, but ought never to be published
General who is too fond of his life ought never to enter a camp
Generals of Cabinets are often indifferent captains in the field
How many reputations are gained by an impudent assurance
Irresolution and weakness in a commander operate the same
Love of life increase in proportion as its real value diminishes
Opinion almost constitutes half the strength of armies
Presumptuous charlatan
Pretensions or passions of upstart vanity
Pride of an insupportable and outrageous ambition
Prudence without weakness, and with firmness without obstinacy
They ought to be just before they are generous
They will create some quarrel to destroy you
Vices or virtues of all civilized nations are relatively the same
We are tired of everything, even of our existence

THE ENTIRE MEMOIRS OF COURT OF ST. CLOUD
[CM62][cm62b10.txt]3899

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THE ENTIRE HISTORIC COURT MEMOIRS OF FRANCE SERIES

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A man born solely to contradict
A stranger to remorse and repentance, as well as to honour
A pious Capuchin explained her dream to her
A cardinal may be poisoned, stabbed, got rid of altogether
A good friend when a friend at all, which was rare
A King's son, a King's father, and never a King
A liar ought to have a good memory
A lingering fear lest the sick man should recover
A king is made for his subjects, and not the subjects for him
Accused of fanaticism, because she refused to cohabit with him
Admit our ignorance, and not to give fictions and inventions
Adversity is solitary, while prosperity dwells in a crowd
Advised the King not to separate himself from his army
Ah, Madame, we have all been killed in our masters' service!
Air of science calculated to deceive the vulgar
Alas! her griefs double mine!
All the death-in-life of a convent
All priests are to be proscribed as criminals

All his creditors, denounced and executed
 Allowed her candles and as much firewood as she wanted
 Always sold at a loss which must be sold at a given moment
 Always has a fictitious malady in reserve
 Ambition puts a thick bandage over the eyes
 And then he would go off, laughing in his sleeve
 And scarcely a woman; for your answers are very short
 Aptitude did not come up to my desire
 Armed with beauty and sarcasm
 Arranged his affairs that he died without money
 Art of satisfying people even while he reproved their requests
 Artagnan, captain of the grey musketeers
 As confident and obstinate as ignorant
 As everywhere else, supported injustice by violence
 Asked the King a hundred questions, which is not the fashion
 Bad company spoils good manners
 Bad habit of talking very indiscreetly before others
 Beaumarchais sent arms to the Americans
 Because he is fat, he is thought dull and heavy
 Because the Queen has only the rinsings of the glass
 Believed that to undertake and succeed were only the same things
 Bestowing on the Almighty the passions of mortals
 Better to die than to implicate anybody
 Bonaparte dreads more the liberty of the Press than all other
 Bonaparte and his wife go now every morning to hear Mass
 Bourrienne
 Bow to their charlatanism as if it was sublimity
 Brought me her daughter Hortense de Beauharnais
 But all shame is extinct in France
 But with a crawling baseness equal to her previous audacity
 Can make a Duchess a beggar, but cannot make a beggar a Duchess
 Cannot reconcile themselves to what exists
 Cannot be expressed, and if expressed, would not be believed
 Canvassing for a majority to set up D'Orleans
 Capacity was small, and yet he believed he knew everything
 Carried the idea of the prerogative of rank to a high pitch
 Chevalier of the Guillotine: Toureaux
 Clergy enjoyed one-third the national revenues
 Clouds—you may see what you please in them
 Comeliness of his person, which at all times pleads powerfully
 Common and blamable practice of indulgence
 Compelled to pay, who would have preferred giving voluntarily
 Complacency which may be felt, but ought never to be published
 Condescension which renders approbation more offensive
 Conduct of the sort which cements and revives attachments
 Conjugal impatience of the Duc de Bourgogne
 Console me on the morrow for what had troubled me to-day
 Countries of the Inquisition, where science is a crime
 Country where power forces the law to lie dormant
 Cuddlings and caresses of decrepitude

Customs are nearly equal to laws
 Danger of inducing hypocrisy by placing devotion too high
 Danger of confiding the administration to noblemen
 Dared to say to me, so he writes
 Dead always in fault, and cannot be put out of sight too soon
 Death came to laugh at him for the sweating labour he had taken
 Declaring the Duke of Orleans the constitutional King
 Depicting other figures she really portrays her own
 Depopulated a quarter of the realm
 Desmarests no longer knew of what wood to make a crutch
 Difference between brilliant theories and the simplest practice
 Dignified tone which alone secures the respect due to power
 Displaying her acquirements with rather too much confidence
 Distinguished for their piety or rewarded for their flattery
 Do not repulse him in his fond moments
 Domestics included two nurses, a waiting-maid, a physician
 Duc de Grammont, then Ambassador, played the Confessor
 Duc d'Orleans, when called on to give his vote for death of King
 Duplicity passes for wit, and frankness is looked upon as folly
 Easy to give places to men to whom Nature has refused parts
 Educate his children as quietists in matters of religion
 Elegant entertainments were given to Doctor Franklin
 Embonpoint of the French Princesses
 Encounter with dignity and self-command unbecoming provocations
 Enriched one at the expense of the other
 Envy and malice are self-deceivers
 Error to admit any neutrality at all
 Etiquette still existed at Court, dignity alone was wanting
 Even doubt whether he believes in the existence of a God
 Everything in the world bore a double aspect
 Exceeded all that was promised of her, and all that I had hoped
 Exclaimed so long against high head-dresses
 Expeditious justice, as it is called here

Extravagances of a head filled with paradoxes
 Extravagant, without the means to be so
 Extreme simplicity was the Queens first and only real mistake
 Fashion of wearing a black coat without being in mourning
 Fatal error of conscious rectitude
 Favourite of a queen is not, in France, a happy one
 Feel themselves injured by the favour shown to others
 Feeling, however, the want of consolation in their misfortunes
 Few would be enriched at the expense of the many
 Few individuals except Princesses do with parade and publicity
 Follies and superstitions as the rosaries and other things
 Foolishly occupying themselves with petty matters
 For penance: "we must make our servants fast"
 For want of better support I sustained myself with courage
 Forced military men to kneel before priests
 Formed rather to endure calamity with patience than to contend

Formerly the custom to swear horridly on all occasions
 Found it easier to fly into a rage than to reply
 Frailty in the ambitious, through which the artful can act
 French people do not do things by halves
 French Revolution was fostered by robbery and murder
 Frequent and excessive bathing have undermined her health
 Fresh proof of the intrigues of the Jesuits
 From bad to worse was easy
 From faith to action the bridge is short
 Future effects dreaded from its past enormities
 General who is too fond of his life ought never to enter a camp
 Generals of Cabinets are often indifferent captains in the field
 God is only the invention of fear
 Gold, changes black to white, guilt to innocence
 Grand-Dieu, mamma! will it be yesterday over again?
 Great filthiness in the interior of their houses
 Great things originated from the most insignificant trifles
 Grow like a dilapidated house; I am only here to repair myself
 Hail their sophistry and imposture as inspiration
 Happiness does not dwell in palaces
 Happy with him as a woman who takes her husband's place can be
 Hate me, but fear me
 He was scarcely taught how to read or write
 He was accused of putting on an imperceptible touch of rouge
 He was too honest to judge soundly and to act rightly
 He contradicted me about trifles
 He liked nobody to be in any way superior to him
 He always slept in the Queen's bed
 He is afraid to command
 He was not fool enough for his place
 He who quits the field loses it
 He limped audaciously
 He was a good sort of man, notwithstanding his weaknesses
 He had good natural wit, but was extremely ignorant
 He had pleased (the King) by his drugs
 He was born bored; he was so accustomed to live out of himself
 He was so good that I sometimes reproached him for it
 He was often firm in promises
 Hearsay liable to be influenced by ignorance or malice
 Height to which her insignificance had risen
 Her present Serene Idiot, as she styles the Prince Borghese
 Her teeth were very ugly, being black and broken (Queen)
 Hero of great ambition and small capacity: La Fayette
 His ruin was resolved on; they passed to the order of the day
 His death, so happy for him and so sad for his friends
 His habits were publicly known to be those of the Greeks
 His great piety contributed to weaken his mind
 His seraglio in the Parc-aux-Cerfs
 History of the man with the iron mask
 Honesty is to be trusted before genius

Honour grows again as well as hair
 Honours and success are followed by envy
 Hopes they (enemies) should hereafter become our friends
 How difficult it is to do good
 How much people talk about what they do not comprehend
 How can I have any regret when I partake your misfortunes
 How many reputations are gained by an impudent assurance
 I love the conveniences of life too well
 I am unquestionably very ugly
 I do not like these rhapsodies
 I had a mind, he said, to commit one sin, but not two
 I hate all that savours of fanaticism
 I formed a religion of my own
 I dared not touch that string
 I abhorred to gain at the expense of others
 I thought I should win it, and so I lost it
 I have seldom been at a loss for something to laugh at
 I myself being the first to make merry at it (my plainness)
 I should praise you more had you praised me less
 I never take medicine but on urgent occasions
 I wished the husband not to be informed of it
 If Bonaparte is fond of flattery—pays for it like a real Emperor
 If ever I establish a republic of women....
 If I should die, shall I not have lived long enough?
 Ignorance and superstition the first of virtues
 Imagining themselves everywhere in marvellous danger of capture
 In order to say something cutting to you, says it to himself
 In England a man is the absolute proprietor of his wife
 In the great world, a vague promise is the same as a refusal
 In Rome justice and religion always rank second to politics
 In ill-assorted unions, good sense or good nature must intervene
 Indifference of the French people to all religion
 Indifference about futurity
 Indiscreet and tyrannical charity
 Indulge in the pleasure of vice and assume the credit of virtue

Infinite astonishment at his sharing the common destiny
 Interests of all interested painted on their faces
 Intimacy, once broken, cannot be renewed
 Invention of new tortures and improved racks
 Irresolution and weakness in a commander operate the same
 It is easier to offend me than to deceive me
 It is an unfortunate thing for a man not to know himself
 It was not permitted to argue with him
 It is an ill wind that blows no one any good
 It is the usual frailty of our sex to be fond of flattery
 It is a sign that I have touched the sore point
 Its pretensions rose in proportion to the condescensions
 Jealous of his wife as a lover of his mistress
 Jealous without motive, and almost without love

Jesuits: all means were good that furthered his designs
 Jewels and decoration attract attention (to the ugly)
 Judge of men by the company they keep
 Juggle, which put the wealth of Peter into the pockets of Paul
 Justice is invoked in vain when the criminal is powerful
 King was being wheeled in his easy chair in the gardens
 King (gave) the fatal order to the Swiss to cease firing
 Kings only desire to be obeyed when they command
 Knew how to point the Bastille cannon at the troops of the King
 La Fayette to rescue the royal family and convey them to Rouen
 Labour as much as possible in the dark
 Laughed at qualities she could not comprehend
 Laws will only be as so many black lines on white paper
 Leave me in peace; be assured that I can put no heir in danger
 Les culottes—what do you call them?' 'Small clothes,'
 Less easily forget the injuries we inflict than those received
 Like will to like
 Listeners never hear any good of themselves
 Louis Philippe, the usurper of the inheritance of her family
 Louis XIV. scarcely knew how to read and write
 Love of life increase in proportion as its real value diminishes
 Love-affair between Mademoiselle de la Valliere and the King
 Lovers are not criminal in the estimation of one another
 Madame de Montespan had died of an attack of coquetry
 Madame made the Treaty of Sienna
 Madame de Sevigne
 Madame de Maintenon in returning young and poor from America
 Made his mistresses treat her with all becoming respect
 Make religion a little more palpable
 Manifesto of a man who disgorges his bile
 Many an aching heart rides in a carriage
 Marble lives longer than man
 May change his habitations six times in the month—yet be home
 Men and women, old men and children are no more
 Mightily tired of masters and books
 Military diplomacy
 Mind well stored against human casualties
 Mirabeau forgot that it was more easy to do harm than good
 Misfortunes and proscription would not only inspire courage
 Mistrust is the sure forerunner of hatred
 Money the universal lever, and you are in want of it
 Monseigneur, who had been out wolf-hunting
 More facility I have as King to gratify myself
 More vain than ambitious
 More dangerous to attack the habits of men than their religion
 Most intriguing little Carmelite in the kingdom
 Much is forgiven to a king
 My maid always sleeps with me when my husband is absent
 My husband proposed separate beds
 My little English protegee

My means were the boundaries of my wants
 My wife went to bed, and received a crowd of visitors
 My father fortunately found a library which amused him
 Napoleon invasion of States of the American Commonwealth
 Nature has destined him to obey, and not to govern
 Necessity is said to be the mother of invention
 Never been able to bend her to a more human way of life
 Never was a man so ready with tears, so backward with grief
 Never approached any other man near enough to know a difference
 Never shall a drop of French blood be shed by my order
 No ears that will discover when she (The Princess) is out of tune
 No accounting for the caprices of a woman
 No one is more dangerous than a man clothed with recent authority
 No phrase becomes a proverb until after a century's experience
 No man more ignorant of religion than the King was
 No means, therefore, of being wise among so many fools
 Nobility becoming poor could not afford to buy the high offices
 None but little minds dreaded little books
 Not show it off was as if one only possessed a kennel
 Not only portable guillotines, but portable Jacobin clubs
 Not to repose too much confidence in our friends
 Not suspected of any vices, but all his virtues are negative
 Not allowing ecclesiastics to meddle with public affairs
 Not lawful to investigate in matters of religion
 Nothing was decided, though nothing was refused
 Now that she is old (as is generally the case), turned devotee
 Observe the least pretension on account of the rank or fortune
 Of course I shall be either hissed or applauded.
 Of a politeness that was unendurable
 Offering you the spectacle of my miseries
 Oh, my lord! how many virtues you make me detest
 Old Maintenon
 Omissions must be repaired as soon as they are perceived
 On domestic management depends the preservation of their fortune
 One of the negative accomplices of the criminal
 Only retire to make room for another race
 Only your illegitimate daughter

Opinion almost constitutes half the strength of armies
 Original manuscripts of the Memoirs of Cardinal Retz
 Others were not allowed to dream as he had lived
 Over-caution may produce evils almost equal to carelessness
 Panegyric of the great Edmund Burke upon Marie Antoinette
 Parliament aided the King to expel the Jesuits from France
 Pension is granted on condition that his poems are never printed
 People with difficulty believe what they have seen
 People in independence are only the puppets of demagogues
 People who had only sores to share
 Permissible neither to applaud nor to hiss
 Persuaded themselves they understood each other

Pleasure of making a great noise at little expense
Poetry without rhapsody
Policy, in sovereigns, is paramount to every other
Polite when necessary, but insolent when he dared
Pope excommunicated those who read the book or kept it
Pope not been ashamed to extol the Saint-Bartholomew
Prefer truth to embellishment
Prelate on whom Bonaparte intends to confer the Roman tiara
Prepared to become your victim, but not your accomplice
Present princes and let those be scandalised who will!
Presumptuous charlatan
Pretensions or passions of upstart vanity
Prevent disorder from organising itself
Pride of an insupportable and outrageous ambition
Princes thus accustomed to be treated as divinities
Princess at 12 years was not mistress of the whole alphabet
Procure him after a useless life, a glorious death
Promises of impostors or fools to delude the ignorant
Promotion was granted according to length of service
Provided they are talked of, they are satisfied
Prudence without weakness, and with firmness without obstinacy
Quiet work of ruin by whispers and detraction
Rabble, always ready to insult genius, virtue, and misfortune
Rather out of contempt, and because it was good policy
Received all the Court in her bed
Regardlessness of appearances
Reproaches rarely succeed in love
Respectful without servility
Revocation of the edict of Nantes
Revolution not as the Americans, founded on grievances
Ridicule, than which no weapon is more false or deadly
Robes battantes for the purpose of concealing her pregnancy
Rome must be infallible, or she is nothing
Said that if they were good, they were sure to be hated
Saints supplied her with a finger, a toe, or some other parts
Salaries as the men, under the name of washerwomen
Salique Laws
Satire without bitterness
Satisfying himself with keeping three mistresses only
Saw peace desired were they less inclined to listen to terms
Saw no other advantage in it than that of saving her own life
Says all that he means, and resolutely means all that he can say
Scarcely any history has been written at first hand
Seeing myself look as ugly as I really am (in a mirror)
Seeing him eat olives with a fork!
Sending astronomers to Mexico and Peru, to measure the earth
Sentiment is more prompt, and inspires me with fear
She often carried her economy to a degree of parsimony
She never could be agreeable to women
She lose her head, and her accomplice to be broken on the wheel

She drives quick and will certainly be overturned on the road
 She always says the right thing in the right place
 She awaits your replies without interruption
 Shocking to find so little a man in the son of the Marechal
 Should our system of cringing continue progressively
 Shun all kinds of confidence
 Simplicity of the Queen's toilet began to be strongly censured
 Since becoming Queen she had not had a day of real happiness
 Situated as I was betwixt fear and hope
 Situations in life where we are condemned to see evil done
 So many crimes perpetrated under that name (liberty)
 So great a fear of hell had been instilled into the King
 Sold cats' meat and tripe in the streets of Rome
 Soon tired of war, and wishing to return home (Louis XIV)
 Spark of ambition would have destroyed all his edifice
 Spirit of party can degrade the character of a nation
 Spoil all by asking too much
 Spoke only about as much as three or four women
 Step is but short from superstition to infidelity
 Stout, healthy girl of nineteen had no other sins to confess
 Subject to frequent fits of abstraction
 Subjecting the vanquished to be tried by the conquerors
 Sufferings of individuals, he said, are nothing
 Sulpicians
 Supported by unanswerable reasons that did not convince
 Suppression of all superfluous religious institutions
 Suspicion and tyranny are inseparable companions
 Suspicion of a goitre, which did not ill become her
 Suspicion is evidence
 Sworn that she had thought of nothing but you all her life
 Taken pains only to render himself beloved by his pupil
 Talent without artifice
 Tastes may change
 Teacher lost little, because he had little to lose
 Thank Heaven, I am out of harness
 That what he called love was mere debauchery
 That air of truth which always carries conviction
 That Which Often It is Best to Ignore
 The Jesuits were suppressed

The emigrant party have their intrigues and schemes
 The King delighted to manage the most disgraceful points
 The charge of extravagance
 The three ministers, more ambitious than amorous
 The anti-Austrian party, discontented and vindictive
 The author (Beaumarchais) was sent to prison soon afterwards
 The record of the war is as the smoke of a furnace
 The Massacre of St. Bartholomew's Day
 The pretended reformed religion
 The King replied that "too much was too much"

The King remained as if paralysed and stupefied
 The shortness of each day was his only sorrow
 The safest place on the Continent
 The most horrible sights have often ridiculous contrasts
 The old woman (Madame Maintenon)
 The nothingness of what the world calls great destinies
 The argument of interest is the best of all with monks
 The clergy, to whom envy is not unfamiliar
 The pulpit is in want of comedians; they work wonders there
 The monarch suddenly enough rejuvenated his attire
 The porter and the soldier were arrested and tortured
 Then comes discouragement; after that, habit
 There was no end to the outrageous civilities of M. de Coislin
 There is not one real patriot among all this infamous horde
 There is too much of it for earnest, and not enough for jest
 There is an exaggeration in your sorrow
 These expounders—or confounders—of codes
 These liars in surplice, in black cassock, or in purple
 They ought to be just before they are generous
 They will create some quarrel to destroy you
 They say you live very poorly here, Moliere
 This is the age of upstarts,” said Talleyrand
 Those muskets were immediately embarked and sold to the Americans
 Those who have given offence to hate the offended party
 Those who did it should not pretend to wish to remedy it
 Thought at least extraordinary, even by our friends
 Thought himself eloquent when only insolent or impertinent
 Throw his priest into the Necker
 Time, the irresistible healer
 To tell the truth, I was never very fond of having children
 To despise money, is to despise happiness, liberty...
 To be accused was to incur instant death
 To die is the least event of my life (Maintenon)
 To be formally mistress, a husband had to be found
 To embellish my story I have neither leisure nor ability
 Touched, but like a man who does not wish to seem so
 Traducing virtues the slanderers never possessed
 Troubles might not be lasting
 True nobility, gentlemen, consists in giving proofs of it
 Trust not in kings
 Two hundred and twenty thousand prostitute licenses
 Under the notion of being frank, are rude
 Underrated what she could not imitate
 United States will be exposed to Napoleon’s outrages
 Unreasonable love of admiration, was his ruin
 Usurped the easy direction of ignorance
 Ventured to give such rash advice: inoculation
 Vices or virtues of all civilized nations are relatively the same
 Violent passion had changed to mere friendship
 Want is the parent of industry

Was but one brilliant action that she could perform
 We are tired of everything, even of our existence
 We die as we have lived, and 'tis rare it happens otherwise
 We say "inexpressibles"
 We look upon you as a cat, or a dog, and go on talking
 We must have obedience, and no reasoning
 Weeping just as if princes had not got to die like anybody else
 Well, this is royally ill played!
 Went so far as to shed tears, his most difficult feat of all
 Were my generals as great fools as some of my Ministers
 What they need is abstinence, prohibitions, thwartings
 What do young women stand in need of?—Mothers!
 Whatever course I adopt many people will condemn me
 When the only security of a King rests upon his troops
 When one has been pretty, one imagines that one is still so
 When kings become prisoners they are very near death
 When women rule their reign is always stormy and troublous
 When one has seen him, everything is excusable
 Where the knout is the logician
 Which crime in power has interest to render impenetrable
 While the Queen was blamed, she was blindly imitated
 Whispered in his mother's ear, "Was that right?"
 Whitehall, the largest and ugliest palace in Europe
 Who counted others only as they stood in relation to himself
 Who confound logic with their wishes
 Who complains is shot as a conspirator
 Wife: property or of furniture, useful to his house
 Wise and disdainful silence is difficult to keep under reverses
 Wish you had the generosity to show, now and again, less wit
 Wish art to eclipse nature
 With us, unfortunately, suspicion is the same as conviction
 With him one's life was safe
 Women who misconduct themselves are pitiless and severe
 Won for himself a great name and great wealth by words
 World; so unreasoning, and so little in accord with itself
 Would you like to be a cardinal? I can manage that
 "Would be a pity," she said, "to stop when so fairly on the road"
 Would cease to rule the day he became just
 You are a King; you weep, and yet I go
 You never look in a mirror when you pass it
 You know, madame, that he generally gets everything he wants

You tell me bad news: having packed up, I had rather go
 Young Prince suffered from the rickets
 Young girls seldom take much notice of children
 Your swords have rusted in their scabbards