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**THE MEMOIRS OF MADAME DE
MONTESPAN**

By Madame de Montespan





Madame de Valliere

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Madame de Maintenon



Moliere

All the death-in-life of a convent

*Always sold at a loss which must be
sold at a given moment*

*Ambition puts a thick bandage over the
eyes*

*And then he would go off, laughing in
his sleeve*

Armed with beauty and sarcasm

*Cannot reconcile themselves to what
exists*

*Conduct of the sort which cements and
revives attachments*

*Console me on the morrow for what had
troubled me to-day*

Cuddlings and caresses of decrepitude

*Depicting other figures she really
portrays her own*

*Domestics included two nurses, a
waiting-maid, a physician*

Extravagant, without the means to be so

*Grow like a dilapidated house; I am
only here to repair myself*

*Happy with him as a woman who takes her
husband's place can be*

Hate me, but fear me

He contradicted me about trifles

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*

*In Rome justice and religion always
rank second to politics*

*In ill-assorted unions, good sense or
good nature must intervene*

*In England a man is the absolute
proprietor of his wife*

*Intimacy, once broken, cannot be
renewed*

*It is easier to offend me than to
deceive me*

*Jealous without motive, and almost
without love*

*Kings only desire to be obeyed when
they command*

*Knew how to point the Bastille cannon
at the troops of the King*

*Laws will only be as so many black
lines on white paper*

*Love-affair between Mademoiselle de la
Valliere and the King*

Madame de Sevigne

*Madame de Montespan had died of an
attack of coquetry*

*Not show it off was as if one only
possessed a kennel*

*Permissible neither to applaud nor to
hiss*

Poetry without rhapsody

*Present princes and let those be
scandalised who will!*

Respectful without servility

Satire without bitterness

*Says all that he means, and resolutely
means all that he can say*

*She awaits your replies without
interruption*

*Situations in life where we are
condemned to see evil done*

Talent without artifice

That Which Often It is Best to Ignore

The King replied that "too much was too

much"

*The monarch suddenly enough rejuvenated
his attire*

*The pulpit is in want of comedians;
they work wonders there*

*Then comes discouragement; after that,
habit*

There is an exaggeration in your sorrow

*These liars in surplice, in black
cassock, or in purple*

Time, the irresistible healer

Trust not in kings

*Violent passion had changed to mere
friendship*

*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*

*What they need is abstinence,
prohibitions, thwartings*

*When women rule their reign is always
stormy and troublous*

*When one has seen him, everything is
excusable*

*When one has been pretty, one imagines
that one is still so*

*Wife: property or of furniture, useful
to his house*

*Wish you had the generosity to show,
now and again, less wit*

*Women who misconduct themselves are
pitiless and severe*

*Won for himself a great name and great
wealth by words*

*Would you like to be a cardinal? I can
manage that*

*You know, madame, that he generally
gets everything he wants*

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