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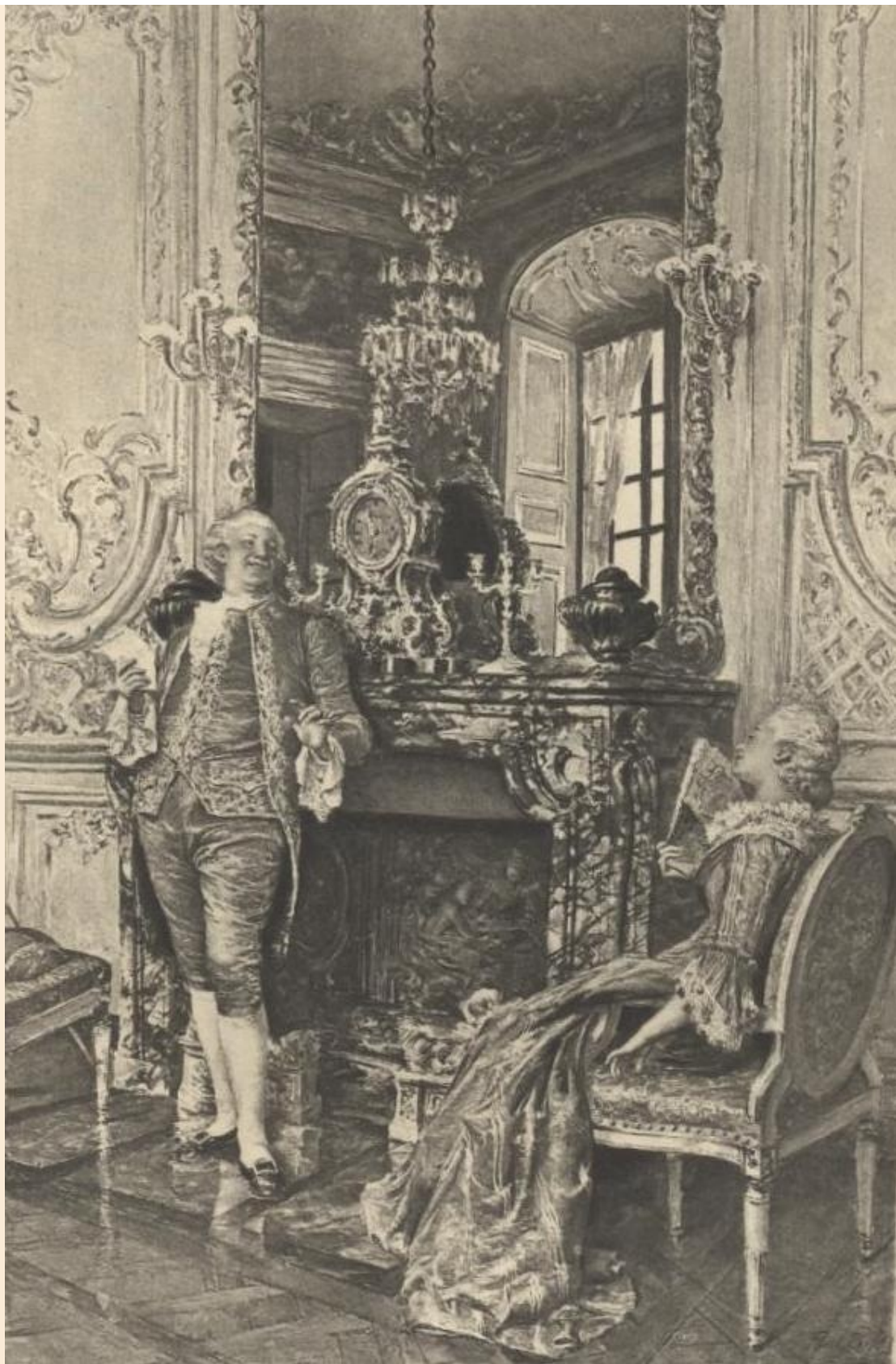
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Elizabeth-Charlotte, Duchesse D'Orleans and Her Children



Louis Fourteenth



The Regent and His Mother

A pious Capuchin explained her dream to her

Always has a fictitious malady in reserve

Art of satisfying people even while he reprov'd their requests

Asked the King a hundred questions, which is not the fashion

Bad company spoils good manners

*Because the Queen has only the rinsings
of the glass*

But all shame is extinct in France

*Duc de Grammont, then Ambassador,
played the Confessor*

*Duplicity passes for wit, and frankness
is looked upon as folly*

*Even doubt whether he believes in the
existence of a God*

*Exclaimed so long against high
head-dresses*

*Follies and superstitions as the
rosaries and other things*

*Formerly the custom to swear horridly
on all occasions*

*Frequent and excessive bathing have
undermined her health*

*Great filthiness in the interior of
their houses*

*Great things originated from the most
insignificant trifles*

*He had good natural wit, but was
extremely ignorant*

He always slept in the Queen's bed

*He was a good sort of man,
notwithstanding his weaknesses*

*Her teeth were very ugly, being black
and broken (Queen)*

Honour grows again as well as hair

*I thought I should win it, and so I
lost it*

*I never take medicine but on urgent
occasions*

*I wished the husband not to be informed
of it*

*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

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