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PREFACE.

OUIS XIV. King of France, having eftablished the Royal Academy of Painting and Sculpture, to perfect those noble arts, found illustrious men in France, who, to promote the great defigns of his Majesty, affisted by the advice of Monf. Colbert their protector, inftituted affemblies and conferences, in which they established fure rules to form the disciples of this academy.

We shall not here relate the advantages this establishment has produced; the works of the excellent masters that have been bred in it, who have enriched France and all Europe, and raifed the admiration, and even jealously of their neighbours, fufficiently prove what the noble emulation of an ingenious people can do, when it is supported by the regard and favour of a Prince.

Amongst the difcourses that where made by Monf. le Brun, first painter to the king, and director of the academy, we have taken that where he treats of the expressions of the passions of the foul; wherein he fays (according to the principles of an ancient philosopher,) that passion is a motion of the foul, refiding in the fensitive part, and make it follow what it thinks good, and fly from what it thinks hurtful; he fays also, that what causes any passion in the foul, causes particular motions of the body, the chief of which he describes.

There, he fuppofes that the foul receives the imprefiion of the paffions in the brain, and feels the effects of it at the heart; and that as the brain is the part of the body where the foul more immediately exercises its functions, fo the face is that where it more particularly fnews what it feels; for this reason it is called the *mirror of the foul*.

He divides the paffions into two kinds, the fimple and the compound; of which the first is made by the appetites of defire; the fecond by those of aversion. This is the order he follows: He observes in general, that the eye-brows express more than every other part the impressions of the passions; then the eyes, the mouth, the nose, and the checks. This is what this illustrious author has expressed by feveral sketches of heads, which are here faithfully copied in the manner of drawings in chalk, and proper to be drawn by those, who defire to obtain a proficiency and freedom of hand in that noble art; to which is added, an abstract of the discourse that belongs to each of them.

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BOWLES'S PASSIONS OF THE SOUL.

Plate II. ATTENTION.

THE effects of attention are to make the eye-brows fink and approach the fides of the nofe, to turn the eye-balls towards the object that caufes it, to open the mouth, and effecially the upper part, to decline the head a little, and fix it, without any other remarkable alteration.

Plate III. ADMIRATION.

This paffion caufes but little agitation in the mind, and therefore alters but very little the parts of the face; neverthelefs, the eye-brows rife, the eye opens a little more than ordinary, the eye-balls placed equally between the eye-lids, appear fixed on the object, the mouth half open, and make no fenfible alteration in the cheeks.

Plate IV. ADMIRATION with ASTONISHMENT.

The motions that accompany this paffion, are hardly different from those of fimple admiration, only they are more lively and ftronger marked, the eye-brows more elevated, the eyes more open, the eye-ball further from the lower eye-lid, and more fleadily fixed, the mouth is more open, and all the parts in a much ftronger emotion.

Plate V. VENERATION.

Admiration begets efteem, and this produces veneration, which, when it has for its object fomething divine, or beyond our comprehension, makes the face decline, and the eye-brows bend down, the eyes are almost shut and fixed, the mouth is shut, these motions are gentle, and produce but little alteration in the other parts.

Plate VI. RAPTURE.

Although rapture has the fame object as veneration, only confidered in a different manner, its motions are not the fame, the head inclines on the left fide, the eye-balls and eye-brows rife directly up, the mouth half opens, and the two corners are also a little turned up, the other parts remain in their natural flate.

Plate VII. DESIRE.

This paffion brings the eye-brows clofe together, and towards the eyes, which are more open than ordinary; the eye-ball is inflamed, and places itfelf in the middle of the eye, the noftrils rife up, and are contracted towards the eyes, the mouth half opens, and the fpirits being in motion, gives a lively and glowing colour.

Plate VIII. JOY with TRANQUILITY.

Very little alteration is remarked in the face of those that feel within themselves the fweetness of joy, the forehead is ferene, the eye-brows without motion, elevated in the middle; the eye pretty open, and with a laughing air, the eye-ball lively and fhining, the corner of the mouth turns up a little, the complexion is lively, the cheeks and lips red.

Plate IX. LAUGHTER.

Laughter, which is produced by joy, mixed with furprife, makes the eye-brows rife towards the middle of the eye, and bends down towards the fides of the no'e, the eyes are almost fhut, and fometimes appear wet, or fhed tears, which makes no alteration in the face; the mouth half open, fhews the teeth, the corners of the mouth drawn back, caufes a wrinkle in the cheeks, which appear fo fwelled as to hide the eyes in fome measure; the noitrils are open, and all the face is of a red colour.

Plate X. ACUTE PAIN.

Acute pain makes the eye-brows approach one another, and rife towards the middle; the eye-ball is hid under the eye-brow, the noftrils rife and make a wrinkle in the cheeks; the mouth half opens, and draws back, all the parts of the face is agitated in proportion to the violence of the pain.

Plate XI. SIMPLE BODILY PAIN.

This paffion produces proportionally the fame motion as the laft, but not fo ftrong; the eye-brows do not approach and rife fo much, the eye-ball appears fixed on fome object, the noftrils rife, but the wrinkles in the cheeks are lefs perceivable, the lips are further under, towards the middle, and the mouth is half open.

Plate XII. S A D N E S S.

The dejection that is produced by fadnefs, makes the eye-brows rife towards the middle of the fore-head more than towards the cheeks, the eye-balls appear full of perturbation, the white of the eye is yellow, the eye-lids are drawn down, and a little fwelled; all about the eyes is livid, the noftrils are drawn downwards, the mouth is half open, and the corners are drawn down, the head carelefsly leaning on one of the fhoulders, the face is of a lead colour, and the lips pale.

Plate XIII. WEEPING.

The alterations that weeping caufe, are very flrongly marked; the eye-brows fink down towards the middle of the forehead, the eyes are almost closed, wet, and drawn down towards the cheeks, the nostrils fwelled, the muscles and veins of the forehead appear, the mouth is shut, and the fides of it are drawn down, making wrinkles on the cheeks, the under lip pushed out, prefies the upper one, all the face is wrinkled, and contracted, its colour is red, effecially about the eye-brows, the eyes, the nose and the cheeks.

Plate XIV. COMPASSION.

The lively attention to the misfortunes of another, which is called compation, caufes the eye-brows to fink towards the middle of the forehead, the eye-ball to be fixed upon the object, the fides of the noftrils next the nofe to be a little elevated, making wrinkles in the cheeks, the mouth to be open; the upper lip to be lifted up, and thruft forwards the mutcles, and all the parts of the face finking down, and turning towards the object which caufes the paffion.

Plate XV. SCORN.

The motions of fcorn, are lively and ftrong, the forehead is wrinkled, the eye-brows are knit, the fide of it next the nofe finks down, and the other fide rife very much; the cye is very open, and the eye-ball is in the middle, the noftrils rife and draw towards the eyes, and make wrinkles in the cheeks, the mouth fhuts, its fides finking down, and the under lip is pushed out beyond the upper one.

Plate XVI. HORROR.

An object defpifed fometimes caufes horror; and then the eye-brow knits, and finks a great deal more, the eye-ball placed at the bottom of the eye, is half covered by the lower eye-lid, the mouth is half open, but clofer in the middle than the fides, which being drawn back, makes wrinkles in the cheeks, the face grows pale, and the eyes become livid, the mufcles and the veins are marked.

TERROR or FRIGHT. Plate XVII.

The violence of this paffion alters all the parts of the face, the eye-brow rifes in the middle, its mufcles are marked, fwelled and preffed one against the other, and funk toward the nofe, which draws up as well as the noftrils, the eyes are very open, the upper eye-lid is hid under the eye-brow, the white of the eye is incompafied with red, the eye-ball fixes towards the lower part of the eye, the lower part of the eye-lid fwells and becomes livid, the muscles of the nose and cheeks swell, and these last terminate in a point towards the fides of the noftrils, the mouth is very open, and its corners very apparent, the mufcles and veins of the neck firetched, the hait flands an end, the colour of the face, that is, the end of the nofe, the lips, the ears, and round the eyes, is pale and livid; to conclude, all ought to be ftrongly marked.

Plate XVIII. A N G E R.

The effects of anger fhew its nature, the eyes become red and inflamed, the eye-ball is ftaring and fparkling, the eye-brow is fometimes elevated, and fometimes funk down equally, the forehead is very much wrinkled, between the eyes, the noftrils are open and enlarged, the lips preffing against one another, the under one rifing over the upper one, and leaves the corners of the mouth a little open, making a cruel and difdainful grin.

Plate XIX. HATRED or JEALOUSY.

This paffion wrinkles the forehead, the eye-brows are funk down and knit, the eye-ball is half hid under the eye-brows, which turn towards the object, it fhould appear full of fire, as well as the white of the eye and the eye-lid, the noftrils are pale, open and more marked than ordinary, and drawn backwards, fo as to make wrinkles in the cheeks, the mouth is fo thut as to their the teeth are closed, the corners of the mouth are drawn back, and very much funk down, the mulcles of the jaw appear funk, the colour of the face is partly enflamed, and partly yellowifh, and the lips pale of livid.

Plate XX. DESPAIR.

As this paffion is extreme, its motions are fo likewife; the forehead wrinkles from the top to the bottom, the eye-brows bend down over the eyes, and prefs one another on the fides of the note, the eye feems to be on fire, and full of blood, the eye-ball is diffurbed, and hid under the eye-brow, sparkling and unfixed, the eye-lid is swelled and livid, the nostrils are large, open and lifted up, the end of the nofe finks down, the mufcles, tendons, and veins are fwelled and ftretched, the upper part of the cheeks is large, marked and narrow toward the jaw, the mouth drawn backwards, is more open at the fides than in the middle, the lower lip is large and turned out, they gnash their teeth, they foam and bite their lips, which are pale, as is the reft of the face, the hair is ftrait and ftands an end.

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