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Containing His Miscellaneous Pieces In Verse and Prose

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Answer to a Question of Mrs. Howe

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ANSWER to the following Question of Mrs. Howe.

WHAT IS PRUDERY?

'Tis a Beldam,

Seen with Wit and Beauty seldom.

'Tis a fear that starts at shadows.

'Tis, (no, 'tisn't) like Miss Meadows.

'Tis a Virgin hard of Feature,
Old, and void of all good-nature;
Lean and fretful; would seem wise;

Yet plays the fool before she dies.

'Tis an ugly envious Shrew,
That rails at dear Lepell and You.