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By Hausset and Princess Lamballe

A liar ought to have a good memory

Air of science calculated to deceive  
the vulgar

And scarcely a woman; for your answers  
are very short

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Bad habit of talking very indiscreetly  
before others

Beaumarchais sent arms to the Americans

Because he is fat, he is thought dull  
and heavy

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

Clouds--you may see what you please in  
them

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

Declaring the Duke of Orleans the  
constitutional King

Do not repulse him in his fond moments

Educate his children as quietists in  
matters of religion

Embonpoint of the French Princesses

Fatal error of conscious rectitude

Feel themselves injured by the favour  
shown to others

Few individuals except Princesses do  
with parade and publicity

Foolishly occupying themselves with  
petty matters

Frailty in the ambitious, through which  
the artful can act

French people do not do things by  
halves

Fresh proof of the intrigues of the  
Jesuits

He who quits the field loses it

Honesty is to be trusted before genius

How difficult it is to do good

I dared not touch that string

Infinite astonishment at his sharing  
the common destiny

It is an ill wind that blows no one any  
good

Judge of men by the company they keep

Laughed at qualities she could not  
comprehend

Les culottes--what do you call them?'  
'Small clothes'

Listeners never hear any good of  
themselves

Madame made the Treaty of Sienna

Many an aching heart rides in a  
carriage

Mind well stored against human  
casualties

Money the universal lever, and you are  
in want of it

More dangerous to attack the habits of  
men than their religion

My little English protegee

No phrase becomes a proverb until after  
a century's experience

Offering you the spectacle of my  
miseries

Only retire to make room for another  
race

Over-caution may produce evils almost  
equal to carelessness

Panegyric of the great Edmund Burke  
upon Marie Antoinette

Pension is granted on condition that  
his poems are never printed

People in independence are only the  
puppets of demagogues

Pleasure of making a great noise at  
little expense

Policy, in sovereigns, is paramount to  
every other

Quiet work of ruin by whispers and  
detraction

Regardlessness of appearances

Revolution not as the Americans,  
founded on grievances

Ridicule, than which no weapon is more  
false or deadly

Salique Laws

Sending astronomers to Mexico and Peru,  
to measure the earth

Sentiment is more prompt, and inspires  
me with fear

She always says the right thing in the  
right place

She drives quick and will certainly be  
overturned on the road

Suppression of all superfluous  
religious institutions

Sworn that she had thought of nothing  
but you all her life

Thank Heaven, I am out of harness

The King remained as if paralysed and  
stupefied

These expounders--or confounders--of  
codes

To be accused was to incur instant  
death

To despise money, is to despise  
happiness, liberty...

Traducing virtues the slanderers never  
possessed

Underrated what she could not imitate

We look upon you as a cat, or a dog,  
and go on talking

We say "inexpressibles"

When the only security of a King rests  
upon his troops

Where the knout is the logician

Who confound logic with their wishes

Wish art to eclipse nature

You tell me bad news: having packed up,  
I had rather go

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