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MEMOIRS OF LOUIS XIV

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A pious Capuchin explained her dream to her

Always has a fictitious malady in reserve

Art of satisfying people even while he reproved their requests

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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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