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’Tis woman's whole existence.”

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TO
CHARLES DICKENS, Esq.

"MY DEAR SIR,

"I thank you sincerely for permitting me to write your name upon the dedication page of 'Véronique.' My offering is but a common flower—perhaps a weed—but, at any rate, plucked freshly from the fields of my imagination; and neither forced in a hot-house, nor sprung from a dunghill, as some of the criticisms upon modern novels would lead one to believe. 'Véronique' will not live longer than a gathered blossom, but whilst she does so I lay her at your feet, with greater pride in the remembrance that you were one of my dead father's nearest friends, than that you are the greatest living novelist of the age.

"Believe me,

"With every kind regard and wish,

"Sincerely yours,

FLORENCE MARRYAT CHURCH."

BRUSSELS, May, 1869.

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