THE GOOSE.

My solemn feet along the grass,
That flanks the weedy water-hole,
Provoke the township archhin's laugh,
His flying stone has me for goal.

The master even has a smile
When I my heirloom dignity
Display along the water's edge:
They are ridiculous to me.

Ingrates, forsooth, who teach and learn,
And still forget my high renown,
I, bright on history's human page,
Whose cackle saved their ancient town!

—Mary E. Fullerton.
We passed over the fields of Carlswitz, where the last great victory was obtained by Prince Eugene over the Turks. I could not look down without horror on such numbers of mangled human bodies, and reflect on the injustice of war, that makes murder not only necessary, but meritorious. Nothing seems to me a plainer proof of the irrationality of mankind whatever fine issues we pretend to reason about the duty of the soldier. Did we look at the works of nature, at the ceaseless cycle of fruitful and fruitful destruction, would we ever ask why human life, so often so unmeritorious, has on earth a price?

Mahometism is divided up into as many sects as Christianity. There are few amongst them so absurd as to set up for laws by declaring they believe no God at all.

Achmet Bey, like every other Mahometan, when his government of the same freedom, we did. When I asked him how he came to allow himself such liberty, he made me clear, all the creatures of God were good, and designed for the use of man; however, that the prohibition of wine was a wise maxim and meant for the common people; being the source of all disorders among them, that the prophet never designed to confine those, but merely answer to set it up for moderation. I am not sure that he never drank it in public.

Of all the religions I have seen, the Arian sect seem to me the most particular. They are natives of the Ancient Macedon. These people, living between Christians and Mahometans, and not being skilled in controversy, declare that they are utterly unable to judge which religion is best; but that of not entirely rejecting the truth, they very properly, after both, and go to the mosques on Fridays and the church on Sundays, saying to themselves that at the day of judgment they are sure of pleasing the God of the prophet; but which is, they are not able to determine in this world. I believe there is no other race of mankind have so modest an opinion of their own capacity.

I find tar-water succeeded to Ward's drop. "Tis possible, by this time, that some other quackery has taken place of that; the English are easier than any other nation infatuated by the prospect of universal medicines, nor is there any country in the world where the doctors raise such immense fortunes. I attribute it to the fund of credulity which is in all mankind, we have no longer in miracles and relics, and therefore, with the same fury run after quacks and physicians. The same money which three hundred years ago was given for the health of the soul is now given for the health of the body, and by the same sort of people—women and half-witted men. In the countries where they have shrines and images, quacks are despised.

—From the Letters of Lady Mary Wortley Montagu (1669-1762)