

IV.

THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE FALL.



*“Maledicta terra in opere tuo, in laboribus comedes cuncti diebus vitæ tuæ, donec revertaris, &c.”—Gen. iii.*

Adam is digging the ground, assisted by Death. In the distance Eve is suckling her first-born, and holding a distaff. Whence the proverb in many languages :

When Adam delved and Eve span,  
Where was then the gentleman ?