

PLATE II.—SIN.

Because thou hast harkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake, &c. GEN. iii. 17.

HOLBEIN has begun the scenes of life by that which had such influence on all the rest. The Mother of the human race holds in her right hand, the fatal apple, which she has just received from the serpent with a young man's head; and Adam, at the same time, is plucking another, enticed by the solicitations of the too credulous Eve, who shews him the one she has received.

PLANCHE II.—LE PECHE.

HOLBEIN a commencé ces scènes de la vie par celle qui eut tant d'influence sur toutes les autres. La Mère du genre humain, tient dans sa main droite, la pomme fatale qu'elle vient de recevoir du serpent à tête de jeune homme, & Adam en cueille en même tems une autre, excité par les sollicitations de la trop crédule Eve, qui lui montre celle qu'elle a reçue.

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