

PLATE XIV.—THE ABBESS.

Wherefore I praised the dead, which are already dead, more than the living, which are yet alive.
and to ECCLES. iv. 2.

DEATH ludicrously hooded with several flowing plumes, and robed in a kind of gown, carries out of her convent an Abbess, whom he is dragging with all his might by her scapulary. The reverend Mother with regret is leaving life and the honours she enjoys; and expresses, by the alteration of her features and by her cries, the fright that Death has produced in her soul. Behind her, under the gate of the convent, appears a young Nun, strangely agitated with terror and grief.

PLANCHE XIV.—L'ABBESSE.

LA Mort ridiculement coiffée de diverses plumes flottantes, & vêtue d'une espèce de mante, emmène hors de son couvent une Abbesse qu'elle tire de toutes ses forces par son scapulaire. La révérissime Mère quitte à regret la vie & les honneurs dont elle jouit, & exprime par l'altération de ses traits & par ses cris, l'effroi que la Mort a jeté dans son ame. On voit derrière elle, sous la porte de l'abbaye, une jeune Nonne, vivement agitée par la crainte & par la douleur.



Laudant magis mortuos quam viventes

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THE THREE GRACES.

PLATE XXV.—THE GRACES.

THE GRACES.—The three Graces, who are the daughters of Jupiter and Juno, are represented in various attitudes, and with various ornaments; but they are all dressed in light robes, and are represented as young maidens.



