

XI.

THE QUEEN.



*"Mulieres opulentæ surgite, et audite vocem meam: post dies et annum, et vos conturbemini."*—Isaia: xxxii.

She has just issued from her palace, when Death unexpectedly appears and forcibly drags her away. Her jester, in whose habiliments Death has ludicrously attired himself, endeavours in vain to protect his mistress. A female attendant is violently screaming. Death holds up his hour-glass to indicate the arrival of the fatal hour.