

solicitude or care, all at once transformed into the careful, the solicitous, the watchful nurse of her dear infant: doing nothing by day but gazing upon it, and serving it in the meanest offices; by night, depriving herself of sound sleep for months, that it may lie safe in her arms! Forgetful of herself, her whole care is centred in this little object.\*

Would an ape make an equally safe or tender guardian for the babe? We are told that Oliver Cromwell, in his infancy, had a trial of this nursing. A huge monkey got hold of him, it is said, and carried him to the roof of the house, and to the horror of the spectators who looked for his speedy fall and destruction, there fondled and dandled him very composedly. This remarkable adventure has been generally classed with the perils of Cromwell's early days, and the common understanding is, that if the experiment had been carried a little farther, he would have occupied less space in the history of England. The ape, then, instead of producing an infant, must have sprung into a full-grown man. But a man alone would have no progeny; so another

\* 'On the Mind,' essay iii., chap. iv.