

The Pillow Archive Quotations (in progress)

Linen	Quotation	Author	Class Ref
Sheet	There is not anything in nature which is more immediately calculated totally to subvert health, strength, love and esteem in the married state, than the odious, most indelicate, and most hurtful custom of man and woman continually sleeping, snoring, steaming and pigging together, in one and the same bed.	James Graham 1780	Quack Graham_A Lecture on the Generation, Increase, and Improvement of the Human Species.pdf p.23-24
Pillowcase 1	A banker's bed is not a bed of roses....when the whole world is in a very alarming state of confusion and England is beset with foreign and domestic enemies'	Thomas Coutts 1798	Banker
Pillowcase 2	Daughters are but branches which by marriage are broken off from the root from whence they sprang and engrafted into the stock of another family, so that daughters are to be accounted but as movable goods or furnitures that wear out.	Margaret Cavendish Duchess of Newcastle 1664	Plantswoman
Pillowcase 3	The conduct and manners of women evidently prove that their minds are not in a healthy state; for, like the flowers that are planted in too rich a soil, strength and usefulness are sacrificed to beauty; and the flaunting leaves, after having pleased a fastidious eye, fade, disregarded on the stalk, long before the season when they ought to have arrived at maturity.	Mary Wollstonecraft 1792	Philosopher

Pillowcase 4	Therefore the CALYX is the bedroom, the COROLLA is the curtain The POLLEN is the sperm The SIGMA is the vulva The CALYX can also be regarded as the lips of the cunt or the foreskin The FILAMENTS, which deliver the juice to the ANTHERS, are called the spermatic vessels The ANTHERS are the testicles The STIGMA is the vulva, and corresponds to the part that secretes the genital fluid in the weaker sex The STYLE is the vagina The vegetable OVARY is the animal ovary The SEED is the egg	Carl Linnaeus 1751	Botanist
Pillowcase 5	As to the unlearned, if I were to send them to the translation of Linnaeus's works, they would only find themselves bewildered in an inextricable labyrinth of unintelligible terms, and would only reap disgust from a study that is, perhaps, more capable of affording pleasure than any other.	JJ Rousseau 1789	Philosopher
Pillowcase 6	Till of late, botany has been confined to the circle of the learned, which may be attributed to those books that treated it, being principally written in Latin: a difficulty that deterred many, particularly the female sex, from attempting to obtain the knowledge of a science, thus defended, as it were, from their approach	Priscilla Wakefield (1818)	Author
Pillowcase 7	What a delightful Entertainment must it be to the Fair Sex, whom their native Modesty, and the Tenderness of Men towards them, exempts from publick Business, to pass their Hours in imitating Fruits and Flowers, and transplanting all the Beauties of Nature into their own Dress.	Joseph Addison (1714)	Author, Politician
Pillowcase 8	The difference between man and woman is the same as that between animal and plant. The animal corresponds more	G. W. F. Hegel (1821)	Philosopher

	closely to the character of the man, the plant to that of the woman. Man attains his position only through stress of thought and much specialised effort. Women can, of course, be educated, but their minds are not adapted to the higher sciences. These demand a universal faculty.		
Pillowcase 9	Man in the act of procreation is the agent and tiller and sower of the Ground to be tilled, who brings Seed to sow the ground with. The man's Yard is as it were the Plow where with the ground is tilled, and made fit for Production of Fruit. The Monthly courses of Women are called Flowers because fruit follows.	Jane Sharp (1725)	Midwife
Pillowcase 10	I thought that Botany is an Amusement which may be made agreeable for the Ladies who are often at a loss to fill up their time if it could be made agreeable to them.	Cadwallader	
Pillowcase 11	The study of Botany seems peculiarly adapted to females; the objects of its investigation are beautiful and delicate; its pursuits, leading to exercise in the open air, are conducive to health and cheerfulness.	Almira Phelps (1829)	Author
	For tho Good-will is indeed the Root of love and gratitude, yet it lying under ground, and out of sight, we cannot conclude its being without visible Fruits of beneficence to the person whom we love. Good Words, are at best but the Leaves of gratitude and love, 'tis Good Works that are the real Fruits of them, by which their sincerity is demonstrated.	G Berkeley (1714)	Bishop Publishing as 'A Lady'
Pillowcase 12	Extraordinary talents make a Woman admired, but they will never make her happy. Talents put a man above the World, & in a condition to be feared and worshipped, a Woman that	Elizabeth Montagu (1760)	Bluestocking Elizabeth Montagu to George Lyttleton 1760

	possesses them must always be courting the World, and asking pardon, as it were, for uncommon excellence.		
Pillowcase 13	I had now nothing to do but submit to my unhappy fortune, and to endeavour to reconcile myself to it... I was married with <i>great pomp</i> . Never was wone drest out in gayer colours, and when I was led to the altar ... I was sacrificed. I lost, not life indeed, but I lost all that makes life desirable – joy and peace of mind.	Mary Delany 1718	Widow Diary entry
Pillowcase 14	As the finest Plants are the soonest nipped by the frost, whilst you are playing full of Innocence, the spiteful world will bite, except you are guarded by caution... You must take it well to be prun'd by so kind a Hand as that of a father.	George Savile, Marquis of Halifax 1688	<i>The Lady's New Year Gift: or, Advice to a Daughter.</i>
Pillowcase 15	THE necessity of learning some antient or foreign languages imposes a laborious task on the youth of both sexes; which consumes years of their precious time... And as the works of the best writers in these languages have been translated into our own, it is less necessary in the education of ladies to expend so much time and labour in acquiring them.	Erasmus Darwin (1794)	Poet A Plan for the Conduct of Female Education in Boarding Schools' (1794) Unnumbered page.
Pillowcase 16	I am persuaded that every private library in England will one day be a public benefit, if preserved with care and method. The taste for books increases daily, and the wealth of our gentry enables them to form collections which, in time, may rival the great libraries of the continent.	Horace Walpole (1763)	Politician The Yale Edition of Horace Walpole's Correspondence, edited by W. S. Lewis, volume 14 (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1948), letter to Thomas Gray, November 30, 1763, p.72.

Pillowcase 17	I am sensible that my situation exposes me to censure, and that the world will not allow a woman to step beyond the common paths without affixing some motive of vanity or ambition to her conduct.	Georgiana Cavendish (1783)	Mineralogist Cavendish, Georgiana. <i>The Letters of Georgiana, Duchess of Devonshire</i> , ed. Vere Foster. London: Macmillan, 1955, p. 76.
Pillowcase 18	From an apprehension that Botany in an English dress would become a favourite amusement with the ladies, many of whom are very considerable proficient in the study, in spite of difficulty it was thought proper to drop the sexual distinctions in the Classes and Orders.	William Withering (1776)	Physician
Pillowcase 19	The natural and proper business of women is to please; and it is the highest ambition of a reasonable woman to be the object of universal regard, within the limits of domestic life.	Mary Wortley Montagu (1753),	Vacinator From a letter to her daughter, Lady Bute (1753)
Pillowcase 20	By marriage, the husband and wife are one person in law: the legal existence of the woman is suspended during the marriage, incorporated into that of the husband, under whose wing, protection, and cover, she performs every thing.	William Blackstone (1765)	William Blackstone, <i>Commentaries on the Laws of England</i> , Book 1, Chapter 15, Oxford: Clarendon Press, (1765), p. 430.