To become proficient in any art or science it is absolutely necessary that we thoroughly understand its primary and fundamental principles; and there is no profession to which men adduce themselves where this is more essential than in the pursuit of arms. It is therefore customary for the minds of young men destined for the army to be engaged at an early period in the investigation those studies preparing for military life, and soon as they attain years of discretion that age when the habits the character and the mind receive their indelible impress to remove them from the restraints of the natural or of any things imposed and vacillating in character into a corrupt and absolute exact. Here true corruption and licentiousness reign predominant arrayed in all the haunts and decorated with the most diabolical condescension only the manly appearance which they betoken to the discipled seductions. And although the youthful officer may resist for a time the allurements and blandishments held out for his distraction, yet his mind becomes ultimately familiarized to such deeds by their continuous presentation, and yielding to the habit being actuated by of youthful feeling, he becomes at first perhaps a reluctant but finally a willing participant; thus are many noble minds composed of elements of extraordinary might and grandeur prone to wear successfully the possessors may conceal their moral degradation from the public eye.